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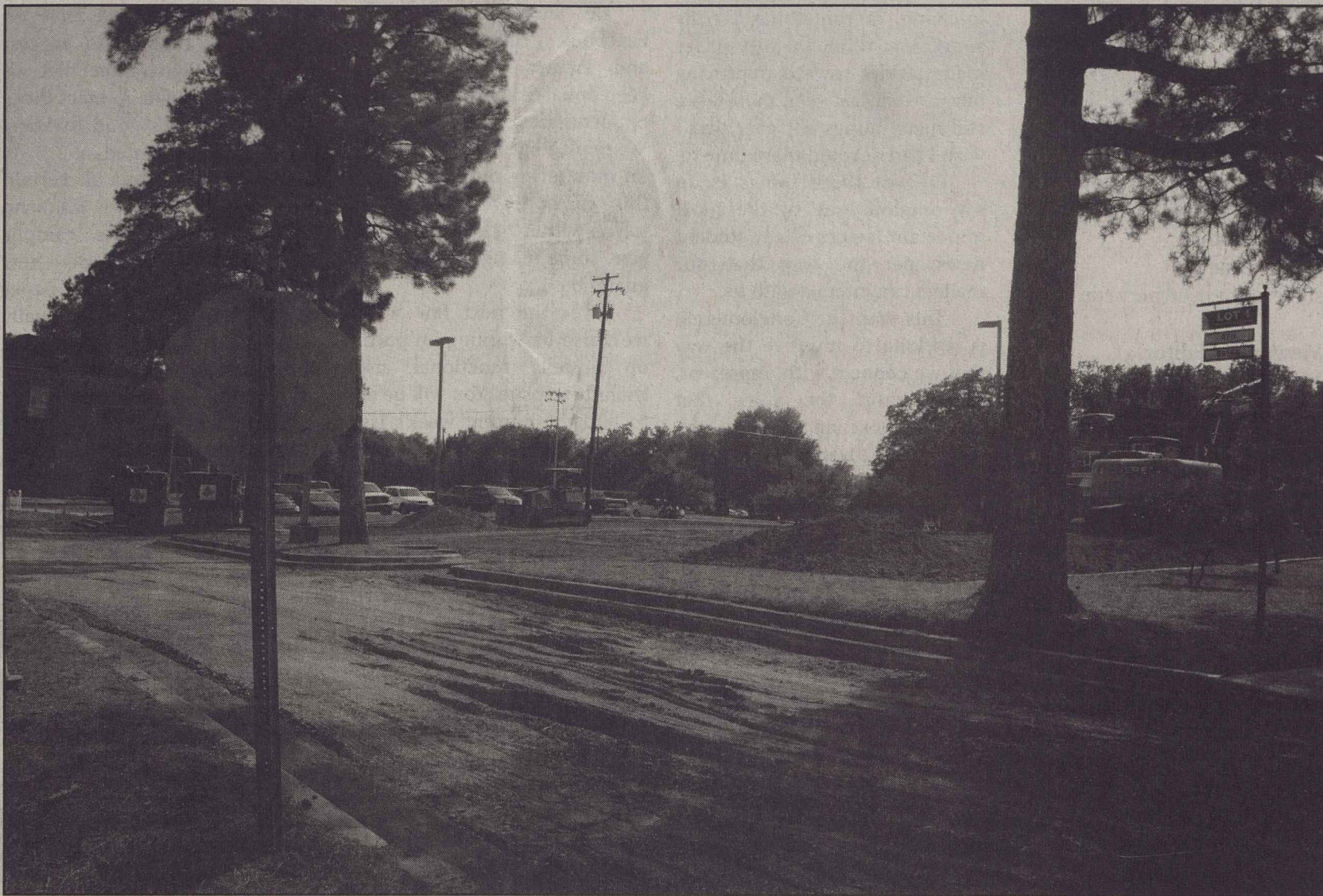
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Nathan Yacovissi/Conglomerate

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Centenary College Receives Campus Upgrades

As the students left Centenary's campus at the end of previous year, the school launched into a large renovations project known as Centenary Renewal. At the end of the school year, William Ballard, Vice President for Finance and Administration, and Chris Sampite, Director of Facilities, proceeded with various projects that will improve the campus using the millions of dollars Centenary received from donor gifts and college bonds.

"We knew what we needed," said Ballard, "and we had money become available to deal with it."

Ballard and Sampite spent

the summer investing the money into various resources that would help the Centenary community. Buildings such as the SUB, Hurley, and Marjorie Lyons Playhouse have received paint jobs. The SUB has received new furniture and an office has been built on the second floor for Director of Student Involvement Ashlie Daigle.

Hardin received large improvements such as new floor carpets, bathrooms and a paint job while the fire escapes in James proper were updated. Despite these significant changes, the building that received the most attention was Mickle Hall.

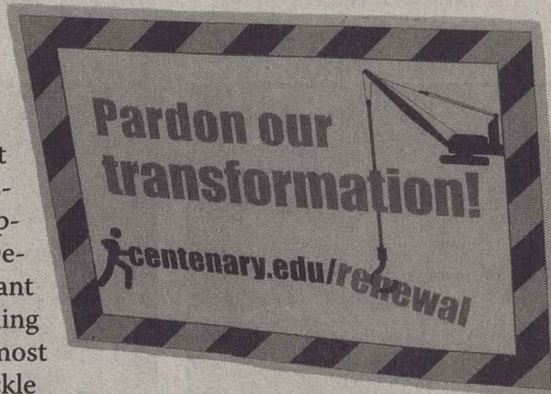
"Mickle just had a lot of moving pieces and parts so it was more complicated in that respect," said Sampite.

Mickle Hall, where students undergo their science courses, received various renovations including, but not limited to, bathrooms, labs, painting, and lab tables. While some students

may not recognize most of the improvements in Mickle, they will certainly acknowledge that a new concrete parking lot has replaced the one composed of mud and rocks behind the residence halls on the North side of campus. In fact, many students have expressed their delight in seeing some of the changes on campus.

"The bathrooms in Smith make me feel like I'm in a hotel," said Sophomore Lea Hair.

Like Hair, many students have been positively affected by some of the new and old additions, such as the bathrooms, the parking lot improvements, and the café waffle maker that students are very familiar with. breath of fresh air" in regards to the improved SUB renovations, but he still wants to know why.



Renovation signs like the one above can be found in various locations around campus to signify areas that are undergoing renewal.

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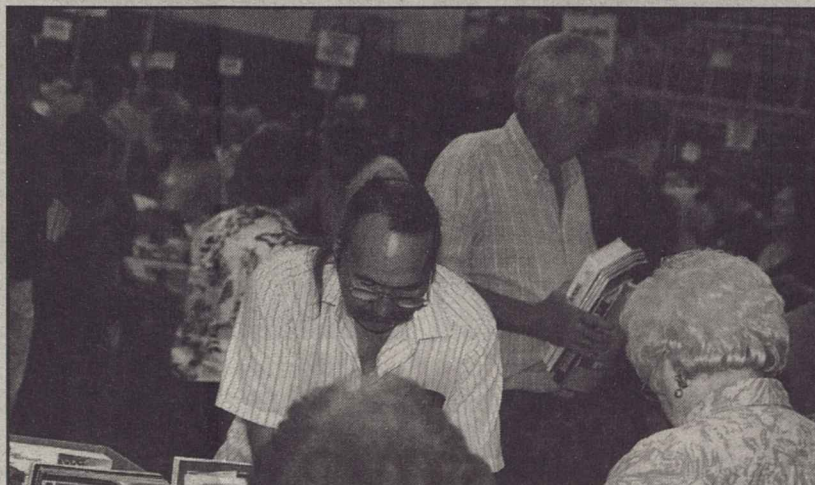
25th Centenary Book Bazaar this Weekend

Adam Stephens
Staff Writer

The annual Centenary Book Bazaar will hit its 25-year milestone on Friday, September 9 from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m., and will continue on Saturday, September 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event will be held in the Gold Dome, and will be free for both Centenary students and the general public to enjoy.

This year, over 80,000 books will be for sale, as well as various media such as DVDs and CDs. This impressive stock is the result of donations from members of the community that are collected and sorted throughout the year. The end result is an incredibly wide selection of books that are quite a bargain for the consumer; prices generally range from as little as 25 cents to five dollars.

"You won't believe it until you see it," said David Williams, Associate Manager of Advancement Services and liaison to the Centenary Muses. "You walk



Courtesy of Centenary Picasso

into the Dome and you see that the entire floor is just covered with books and is just packed with people. It's overwhelming."

Among the highlights of the Bazaar is the special collection featuring books either about or written by a resident of Louisiana. The Reading List section will feature books found on local reading lists for middle and high schools; prices in this section usually remain in the \$0.25-1.25 range. Rare items that go for a higher price are featured in a bid auction, while all regular items

will be reduced to half price after 1:00 on Saturday.

As always, the Bazaar is hosted by the Centenary Muses, an organization of mostly retired ladies who use the event to fund student-based organizations that are not covered by the regular college budget. In the past, the Bazaar has funded student travel on both domestic and international levels, provided KSCL with remote broadcasting equipment, supported a subscription to a French television statement for Le Quartier Français, and

provided for more incidental purchases such as weights for fitness classes and blazers for the school choir.

"They spend all year on this; they really wish they could give money to every student organization," said Williams.

The student body – especially those who love reading – seems to look forward to the Book Bazaar. "It's a lot of fun," said sophomore Ericka Vazquez, who volunteered at last year's Bazaar. "It's great to see everybody in the community come and go away with new books; it's a lot of fun to watch everyone scramble through huge stacks of books."

The Bazaar can still use volunteers; interested parties should contact Catherine Allen at Catherine@wtallen.com. Also, any organizations that want to submit a proposal for the Bazaar funds must have it turned in before 4:30 PM on Friday, September 30.

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Letter from the Editor: Our goals for this year (and how you can help!)

Ashley Lynch
Editor in Chief

Here we are again, folks: another first issue for The Conglomerate, and my second (as well as last) year as Editor in Chief.

The benefit of having the ability to pursue this second term as the head news-lady-in-charge is something I truly appreciate. While the newspaper made strides toward improving our content last year, there were still many things left over that I wish I had devoted more time to.

One of those things is, in my opinion, one of the most important factors of any student newspaper--the way that our readers can interact with us.

This year, The Conglomerate is working to improve the way that we connect with, represent, and support the voice that matters most on campus: the student's. We want to know what

you want to read, what you are interested in, what you think we're rocking, and what you think we don't do well enough. Have an awesome proposal for a column? Want to see a weekly tribute to the progressively growing world of iPod/Android apps? Let us know! We're always looking for ideas.

Be sure to add us on Facebook (The Conglomerate) and Twitter (Cent_Congo) to keep updated about any changes, opportunities, and requests. We're placing a special emphasis on monitoring our social media this year, so if we don't get back to you within 24 hours, we'll give you some Conglomerate loot: guaranteed.

Over the next few weeks, we'll also be working on putting up a fully functional, user-friendly website. You will be able to find the current week's issue (as well as archives from older

issues of our paper), contact and advertising information, and added media that we didn't feature in our paper edition. Online, you'll be able to post comments on articles that really caught your interest and cast your vote on our weekly poll. Better yet: if you ever see something on a competitor's website that you think we should have on ours, don't hesitate to suggest it! We can't guarantee that we will always be able to meet those requests, but it's good to know what you're interested in.

Which is why, at certain points in the year, we will send out surveys to the campus community to check how satisfied you are with the paper (and how many of you actually pick it up!). Please be as honest as you would like to be on these surveys: we're looking for constructive criticism!

Still interested in being a part

of our organization? We hold our meetings at 7p on Sunday nights in the Conglomerate offices (third floor of the SUB across from KSCL). Our meetings are open to everyone, and students may decide to write for us at any time in the year. You don't have to be a regular to attend an October or March meeting—I promise. Occasionally, you may even see an advertisement from us about open Editorial Staff positions.

In summary, I hope that this second year really provides an opportunity for us to enact some of those goals that we had last year, while really working to tackle any additional requests that you all have. For now, I'll extend an open welcome to the class of 2015, heartfelt encouragement to our sophomores and juniors as they prepare to take on another year, and a fist pump to the rest of my fellow seniors. Forward, Centenary!

Question of the Week

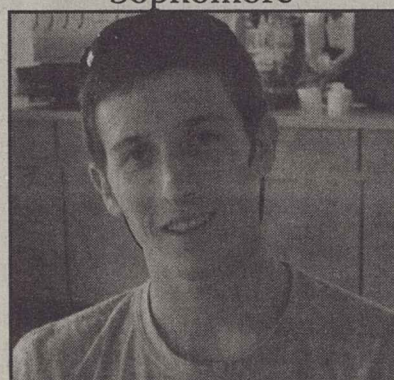
How do you keep cool?



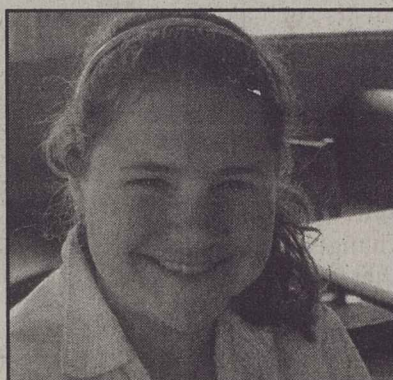
"Stay in Hardin, it's freezing!"
Maggie Aultman, Sophomore



"Eating yogurt parfaits."
Justine Russell, Sophomore



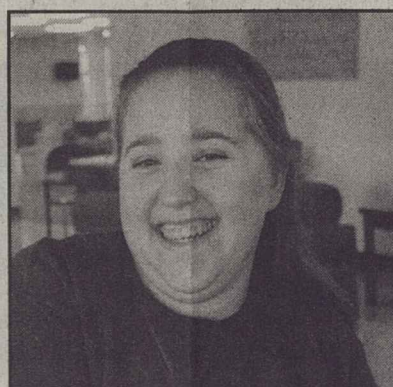
"Stay in the A/C"
Spencer Johnson, Junior



"I'm always cool. Ice cold!"
Jessica Hunter, Senior



"By being so hot."
Monique Finley, Senior



"Pedal-boating in Prague!"
Elizabeth Roselli, Senior

UPS and DOWNS



Orientation/Springboard/Res Life

Yay for incoming students, and congratulations to those who helped orient them!



Random Storm

Finally, hydration!



Waffle Maker

We're adults and can make our own waffles now!



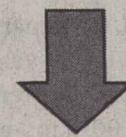
Heat Wave

Um... Please stop.



A/C in Res Halls

Make up your mind! Are we hot or cold?!



Already Busy

The work begins to pile up after only three weeks of school...

Fitness Center Classes

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
6:00 am	Turbo Kick	-	-	-
7:15 am	-	Total Body	-	Total Body
11:15 am	-	ABS	-	ABS
Noon	Pilates	Yoga	Pilates	Yoga
4:35 pm	-	Mosley's	-	-
5:00 pm	Step	-	Hi/Lo	-
5:30 pm	-	Cycling	-	Turbo Kick
6:00 pm	Zumba	-	Zumba	-

Fall Hours

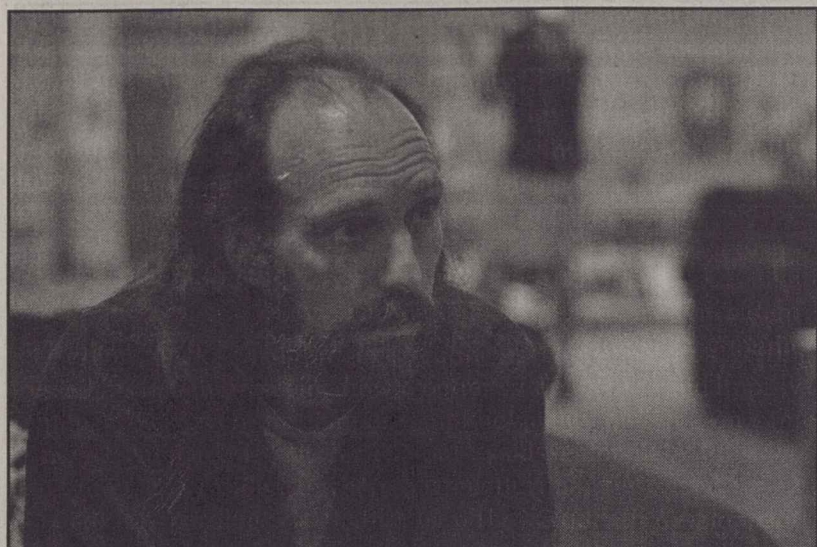
Mon-Thu: 6am - 10pm
Fri: 6am - 6pm
Sat: Noon - 6pm
Sun: 2pm - 6pm

Pool Hours

Mon-Fri: 11am - 2pm
Mon Night: 8pm - 10pm
Wed Night: 6pm - 10pm
Sat & Sun: 2pm - 6pm

NEWS

Montgomery Mewers as Centenary's Director of Residence Life



Montgomery Mewers, Centenary's new Director of Residence Life

Marquette Laforest/Conglomerate

Cara Lavender
Copy Editor

Montgomery Mewers is a new addition to our Centenary family, as the Director of Residence Life. He has vast experience working with students and seems to enjoy every aspect of doing so. When asked about his past work experience, he provided a plethora of information.

He attended college at Indiana University where his love for student involvement began. He was very active in student government, residence life, and many other activities on campus. After attending graduate school at Western Illinois University, he worked at a small Catholic liberal arts college in Rhode Island, and moved on to The University of Maryland. Having worked in the Midwest, New England, and Mid-Atlantic, he headed west to Berkley in California. He stayed there for a few years and enjoyed his time there.

Mr. Mewers took the opportunity to live abroad whilst teaching English as a second language in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Arar at two different colleges. He returned to America to rejoin his chosen profession. This is when he met Centenary

College. Mewers said, "Working here these last two months has certainly had its challenges, but the wonderful students, including the excellent student staff, are the purpose and reason why I'm here."

When asked what his main goal for Centenary's Residence Life was, he replied "My fondest wish for our residence life is that students find the experience of living on campus to be sufficiently education, fun, social, and supportive of their development, that folks look forward to returning the next year (or if graduating, feel that their time living on campus was meaningful in the above listed ways)."

This statement is reflected in his email signature: "Centenary Residence Halls: Where some of the world's best college students live with open doors, open hearts, and open minds". He also said that the "open trio" is the motto of the United Methodist Church, with which our college is affiliated.

If you have not yet had a chance to meet with Mr. Mewers, go visit him on the first floor of the SUB. He is completely open to questions and concerns, as well as making this campus a better place for the students.

Q&A with Mr. Mewers

1. What is your favorite word?
"peace&justice" (united into a single concept). "So far as I am concerned, they only exist in the context of each other, when one is advanced or suffers a setback, so does the other. They are inextricably intertwined."
2. What is your least favorite word?
"Cruelty."
3. What are you passionate about?
"Something that turns me on creatively, spiritually, and emotionally would be experiencing a profound connection with another living being."
4. What are you not so passionate about?
"Purposelessness."
5. What profession would you most like to attempt?
"The profession that I am attempting is being an author. I've written a children's book and am in the midst of writing a novel. When I finish the novel, I suspect that I'll look for a literary agent to try to get both the children's book and the novel published. That said, even if the works are wildly successful (which would be quite surprising), I'd still like to keep my job as being a student affairs professional who specializes in residence life."
7. What profession would you not like to do?
"Anyone who profits from the suffering of others; drug dealer, veal producer, sweatshop manager, factory egg worker, and quasi-legal firearms merchant come to mind."
8. If heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?
"It wouldn't be a matter of 'when' but surely 'if' I were to arrive at the Pearly Gates, I would most want to hear God ask everyone lined up (or bunched up if folks didn't form a queue) what each person, based on our all too brief experience thought would help improve conditions on the ground."

Upgrades from Page 1

Senior Nick Mauldin expressed his delight in seeing how Centenary has given the campus a "new Centenary hasn't renovated the Cline residence where he resides. According to Ballard, Cline and Rotary are scheduled to have renovations at the beginning of summer when students are leaving again. In addition to the funds used to improve the buildings on campus, Centenary has also allocated \$100,000 to student organizations such as the Maroon Jackets, SGA, RHA, and the student Ambassadors in order to allow our peers to decide what improvements would benefit us best.

"The money that we're allo-

cating is going towards getting better students here and improving the quality of living on campus," said Senior SGA President Drew Burnham.

The Student Ambassadors have used their funds to purchase the new carts that can be seen around campus. These carts are to be used to provide tours to prospective students across campus as well as provide greater campus transportation for DPS. The Maroon Jackets are planning to use their funds to improve Spirit Fridays and get more campus publicity while RHA is planning to improve their programs within the campus community as well. SGA has used some of

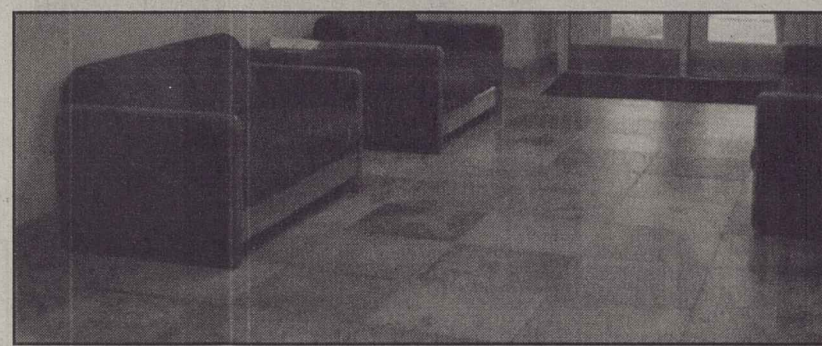
their funds to begin organizing a shared media room on the second floor of the SUB for the student media departments where students can exchange information that fellow organizations could find useful. While Cen-

"Out of the 6 million dollar funds, we don't have half of that committed yet," said Ballard.

Plans are in motion for a key card system in each residential and educational building across campus. There is also talk of a

the controls for an electronic scoreboard that will be used for intramural sports. Sampite has also mentioned the possibility of having grills built on Jones Rice as well. The Marjorie Lyons Playhouse is scheduled to receive new carpet and a better seating as well between October and November. According to Ballard, Sampite, and Burnham, Centenary Renewal is meant to provide students with the confidence to know that their college cares about their quality of living as well as their support of the students' hard work.

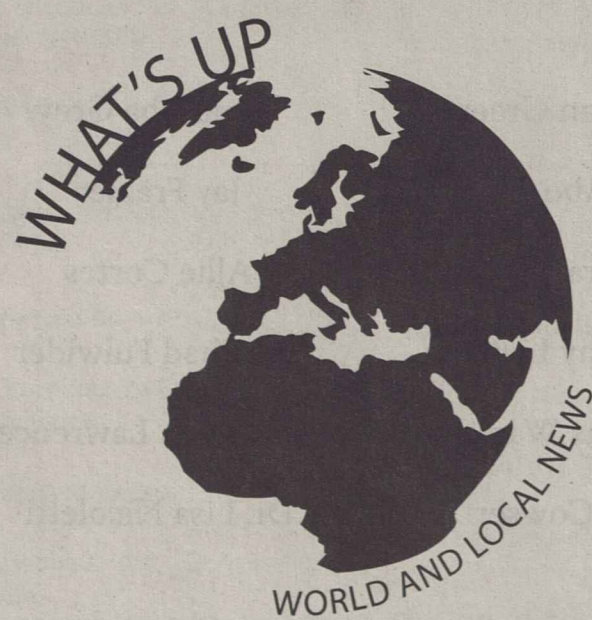
"Whatever they've seen so far, there's far more coming," said Ballard.



Nathan Yacovissi/Conglomerate

tenary has already seen a lot of changes on campus, Ballard says that the renovation process isn't over yet.

new concession stand to be built on Jones Rice field. This building will be used to store intramural equipment and to shelter



SUMMER 2011 EDITION



Casey Anthony Trial

On July 5, 2011, the jury found Casey Anthony not guilty of murder, aggravated child abuse, and aggravated manslaughter of a child, but guilty of four misdemeanor counts of providing false information to a law enforcement officer.



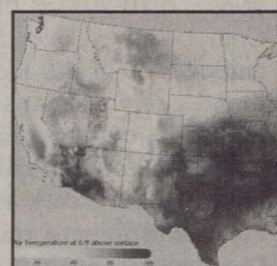
Harry Potter

Over the summer the last Harry Potter Film, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2," broke the box office record, beating out "The Dark Knight" (\$158.4 million) in the top spot for best opening weekend, earning \$168.6 million dollars.



Hurricane Irene

August 20-29th Hurricane Irene made her way through the Caribbean and along the Atlantic Coast ultimately subsided in New York and Vermont. It became the first hurricane to make landfall in the state of New Jersey since 1903. Irene caused at least 55 deaths and billions of dollars in damages.



Heat Wave Hits U.S.

Majority of the Southeast region experienced record breaking highs over this past summer; many of which exceeded 105 degrees.

NEWS

Centenary Professional Development

FRIDAY LUNCH SERIES

Grab your lunch in the Caf and come join us for "Friday Lunch Series" chats on different career coaching topics!

All are at 12:00 noon in the Centenary Room, adjacent to the Caf.

Fall 2011 Topics:

Friday, September 1

"Choosing Majors & Careers"

Perfect for those who may be confused about their major or career and want some direction on how to discern your options!

Friday, September 16

"Resumes/CVs & Cover Letters"

Learn the basics how to construct a resume, CV or cover letter OR bring yours by for a quick review!

Friday, October 7

"Applying to Graduate or Professional School"

Find out what it takes to apply and get into graduate or professional school!

Friday, November 11

"Personal Statements"

A continuation of the October topic...get more in-depth with what personal statements entail. If you have a draft, bring it for a review!

For more information, contact Elizabeth Everett, Assistant Director for Professional Development at 869-5042 or eeverett@centenary.edu.

A Letter from the Honor Court



2010-11 Honor Court staff members

Reem Abo-Zahrah
Chief Justice of the Honor Court

Centenary College of Louisiana is known to honor academic honesty.

At the end of each assignment or examination, a student is required to pledge and sign the Honor Code: I have neither given nor received any unauthorized aid on this assignment nor have I seen anyone do so. When one roams our academic and residence halls across campus, one may notice the several Honor Court posters that present the Honor Court members and fac-

ulty advisers.

Despite our effort to publicize, and the professors' efforts to enforce academic honesty on the syllabi, some may disobey and turn to cheating. When such cheating is observed, it is immediately turned in and revised by the honor court.

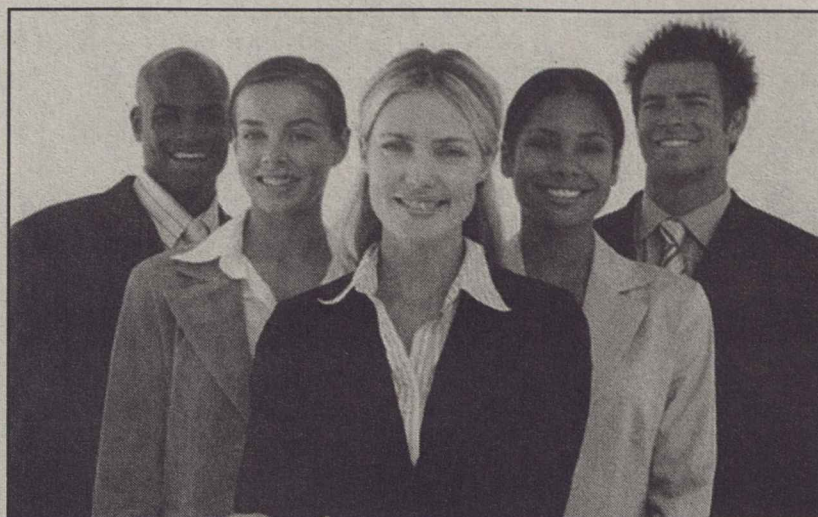
During the past academic year: 2010-2011, the Honor Court received over 50 cases – and over 30 of the accused were found guilty. Plagiarism was the most infamous accusation, followed by receiving unauthorized aid on a homework assignment. The punishments ranged from "no further penalty" to a "0 on

the assignment."

In hopes of diminishing the number of plagiarism accusations, the Honor Court held a Plagiarism Workshop that, with the aid of several FYE professors, gathered over 200 freshmen to make them aware of what plagiarism is and how to avoid a case with the Honor Court.

In the future, the Honor Court hopes to further spread awareness on academic honesty across our campus.

Career Corner: Enhancing Student success by Treating "Student Jobs" as "Real Jobs"



Chaerli Faught
Staff Writer

Many of you have probably asked, "What is the goal of the student work-study program here on campus and how is it beneficial to me and my friends?" The goal of work-study is to provide part time employment to enrolled students who are receiving some form of financial assistance (merit or need-based). Students designated as Federal Work-study (FWS) receive 75% of their funds from the Federal government and must have eligible financial need. How do these jobs help students as they pursue an undergraduate degree? First off, it provides funds to pay for education and personal expenses, helps the student to feel a connection to their college, improves time management skills, and provides future job reference and resume material.

According to Noel-Levitz, colleges and universities are looking for ways to stretch their existing resources for student success. This role is vital to on-campus student retention. Students are part of the fabric of campus life and as students earn money to pay for their education, they help meet staffing needs, gain valuable employment experience, and bring a generally positive component of college life. For many students, and especially those who are new on campus, this is a great way to engage students in campus life and increase their sense of identity with the institution. Students are able to access knowledge inside their workplace, and connect with staff members, who may become supportive mentors for particular students.

These things, however, just don't happen overnight. Effective work study programs must be carefully developed through job design and placement, ori-

entation and training, effective supervision, and other areas that accompany the hiring of any on campus employee. Of course, responsibilities vary from department to department, but there are some common elements of basic student worker training:

1. An explanation of how the department contributes to the overall mission and goals of the institution,
2. Supervisor expectations in terms of professional ethics, attitudes, and general work habits (i.e. dress code, etc),
3. The importance of providing excellent customer service in dealing with departmental clients, the public, and other campus offices, and
4. Desired telephone and social media techniques and etiquette, etc.

Now in what ways can supervisors best help their student workers?

1. Communicate clear expectations for their workers.
2. Be firm and fair. They should maintain high standards and expectations, while recognizing that their workers are students first and campus employees second.
3. Give student workers frequent feedback. Frequent, positive communication will boost morale and improve performance. Feedback about errors framed positively and with clear direction on how to avoid future errors, is essential.
4. Set an example. Student employees take their cue from you and by exhibiting efficient, diligent work habits; you model behavior for students to emulate.

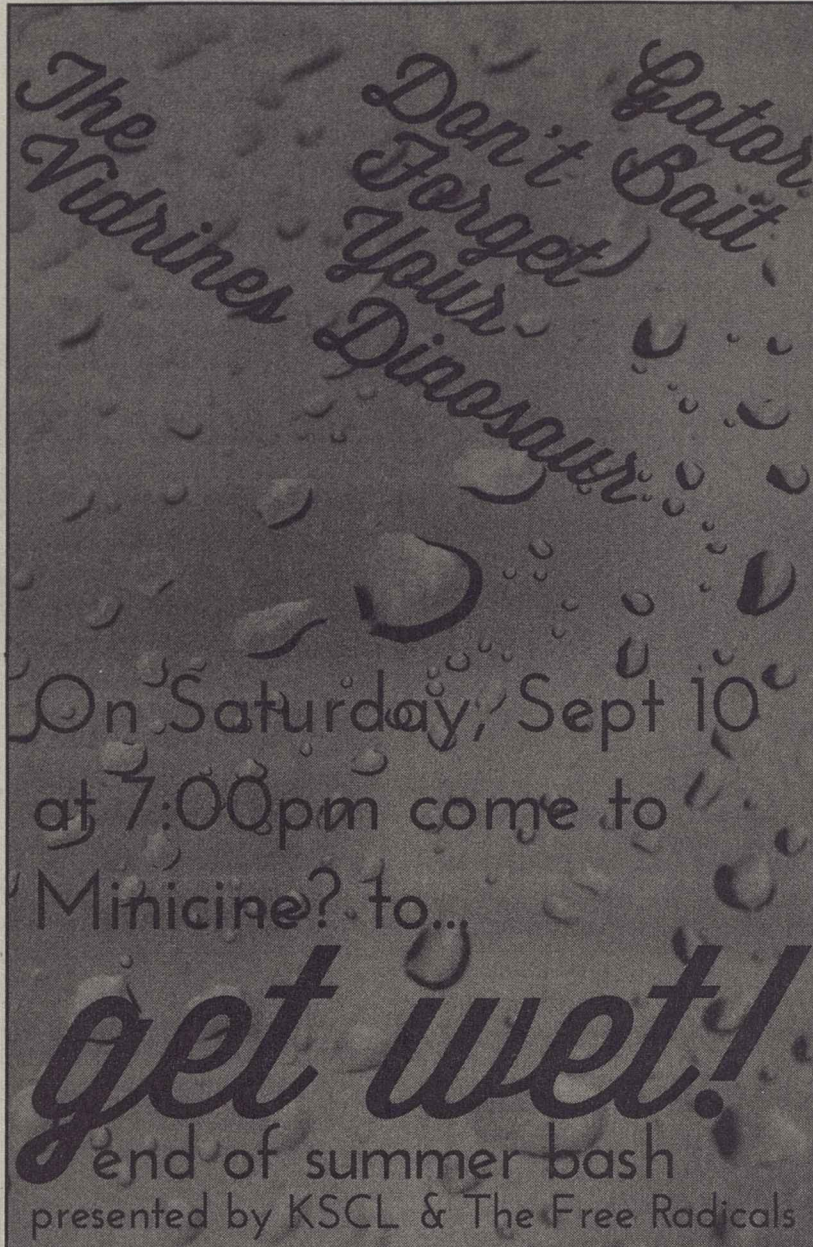
Sources: Noel-Levitz White Paper Company, Career Services & Placement Website (<http://www.centenary.edu/student-services/career/fws>)

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A&E

“GET WET!”



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Copy Editor

Although the entertainment wonders are practically unlimited on Centenary's campus, there just so happens to be the most amazing event to occur off campus in downtown Shreveport at Minicine? Saturday night (September 10) at 7:00 p.m.

Brought to you by the same people who presented Christmas Underground and the Artgasm; GET WET is underway. GET WET is an end-of-summer event put together by KSCL: Centenary College Radio, and The Free Radicals, your friendly neighborhood art collective. GET WET has been initiated to be an all-inclusive place of fun for the community to come out and “get wet” with water games and enjoy live music.

The Vidrines, Gatorbait, and Don't Forget Your Dinosaur are going to be playing live at this event throughout the night. The Vidrines and Gatorbait hail from Monroe, Louisiana, and Don't Forget Your Dinosaur is a local Shreveport band. The bands will

be performing outside behind Minicine?.

Throughout the night you will witness wild water wars involving a massive water balloon fight. People around you will be saying goodbye to the summer heat in some strange ways; there have been rumors of a Jell-O pool and a giant art piece made from CDs and fishing wire. There will also be a watermelon feed and barbeque available for all that attend.

GET WET guests are encouraged to bring watermelon, water balloons, or a fan to donate to the low-income elderly in our community.

Anyone interested in helping out with GET WET or any future events can add “Free Radicals” on Facebook.

This event is for everyone to have a good clean time; we ask that no one bring alcohol onto the property of Minicine?. Come on out for the end-of-summer blast with your bathing suits strapped, bug spray handy, and your dancing shoes on.

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KCSL TOP 20 SONGS

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| 1. Ty Segall-Goodbye Bread | 10. Sleeping in the Aviary-You and Me, Ghost |
| 2. Shabazz Palaces-Black Up | 11. Family of the Year-St. Croix |
| 3. Collections of Colonies of Bees-GIVING | 12. Grey Reverend-Of The Days |
| 4. Washed Out-Within and Without | 13. CSS-La Liberacion |
| 5. Cerebral Ballzy-Cerebral Ballzy | 14. Sleeper Agent-Celabrasion |
| 6. Jacuzzi Boys-Glazin' | 15. Tinariwen Tassili-+10:1 |
| 7. Prophets and Kings-Prophets and Kings | 16. Black Milk-Brain |
| 8. Blasted Canyons-#1 | 17. IceAge-New Brigade |
| 9. Cymbals Eat Guitars-Lenses Alien | 18. Idaho-You Were A Dick |
| | 19. Com Truise-Galactic Melt |
| | 20. Sleeping Bag-Sleeping Bag |



In theaters this weekend:

Contagion: An IMAX Experience
Contagion
Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star
Warrior
Apollo 18
Seven Days in Utopia
Shark Night
Shark Night 3D
The Debt
Columbiana
Don't Be Afraid of the Dark
Final Destination 5 3D
The Help
Rise of the Planet of the Apes
The Smurfs

Now Playing and Coming Soon at The Robinson Film Center:

The Guard
The Devil's Double
Another Earth
Project Film

Top Movies of Summer 2011



Chris Youngblood
Staff Writer

Well, it's that time again. Summer is coming to a close and fall is approaching quickly. Let's look back at some of the movies of the summer that got everybody talking.

X-Men: First Class

A prequel to the other three X-Men series, this film introduces some of the series' famous characters, including Charles Xavier and Magneto. The film's special effects were impeccable; especially when Magneto lifted a giant submarine into the air. It did very well in the box office, earning \$350,939,744 worldwide.

Thor

A superhero with godlike powers and a clever tongue, Thor is sent to Earth after disobeying his father in order to prove that he is worthy of the crown and of

the hammer Mjolnir. This movie was full of action and comedy as Thor learns how to be a normal guy. It was given good reviews and earned top dollar in the box office with \$448,512,824.

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides

In the fourth installment of the Pirates of the Caribbean series, Captain Jack Sparrow sets off on a quest to found the Fountain of Youth. On the way, he meets Blackbeard, the infamous pirate who also seeks the Fountain. Even though it earned an estimate of one billion dollars, most people found that it didn't live up to the standards to the first three films.

Transformers 3: Dark of the Moon

The third installment of the Transformers series had the usual expensive cars, huge robots, and explosions. Sam Witwicky and the Autobots defended Earth

once again from the forces of evil known as the Decepticons. This film earned more than a billion dollars in the box office and received mixed reviews.

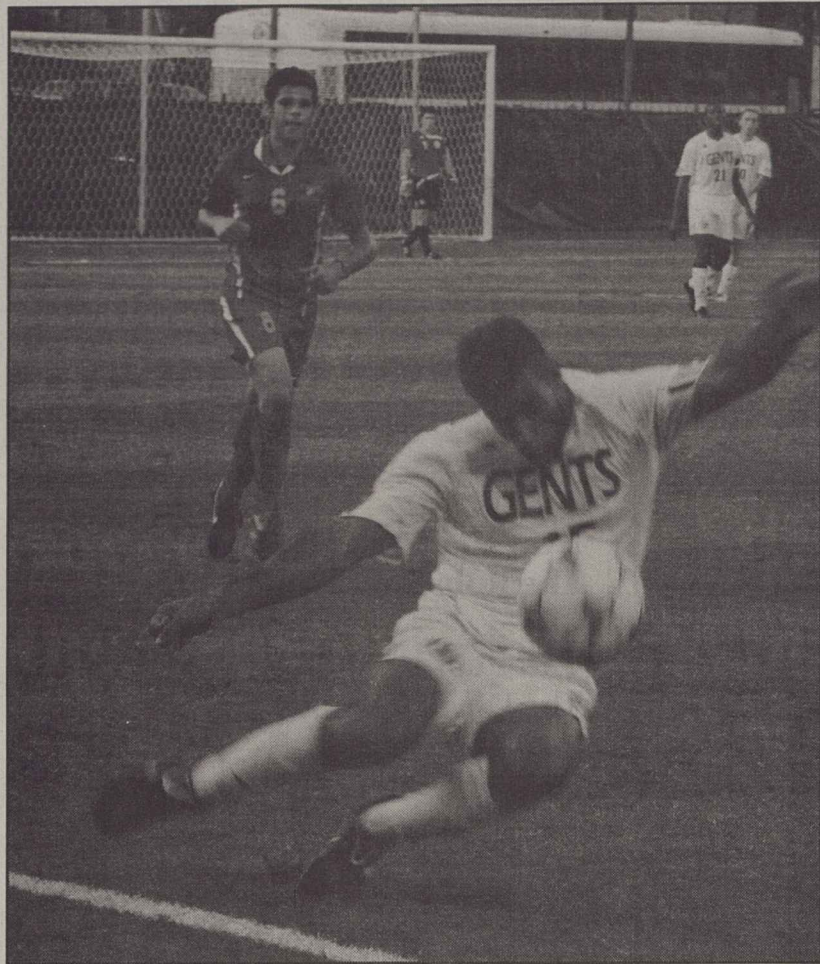
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2

The long-awaited conclusion was bittersweet as Harry Potter and Lord Voldemort faced each other for one last battle. It had many amazing scenes including the Battle at Hogwarts. This film broke many records in one weekend in the United States, including the largest midnight, day, and weekend opening. It reached a whopping 1.2 billion dollars worldwide.

As the summer comes to a close, we look back at all the great movies we watched over the summer. With only eight months away from the summer of 2012, we shall all look forward to the next batch of awesome summer movies.

SPORTS

Sensational Season Kick Off New Year, New Season, New Conference



Nathan Yacovissi/ Conglomerate

Andrea Violet
Business Manager

The air was filled with excitement, enthusiasm, and electricity on Mayo Field on Thursday evening. The crowd was still on a high from the Ladies' win against Texas College, having beaten them 5-0.

The game got off to a great start with senior Ben Barcelona's goal, which was assisted by fellow senior, Marcos Rodriguez. After a few attempted goals and a few that flew over the wall to the parking lot by the Steers, our boys went in for the goal and it was made! Freshman Gabriel Zahm, assisted by junior Adam Ghaemmaghami made his first collegiate goal. Not a bad start to the season for Zahm...

Texas College's Nestor Ramirez came in with the first goal of the game for the Steers. A second goal for the Steers was then achieved by Jesus Segovia.

What followed this, however, was the shock of the night! A major verbal spat broke out between players from both teams, causing a flurry of words and activity not only by the players

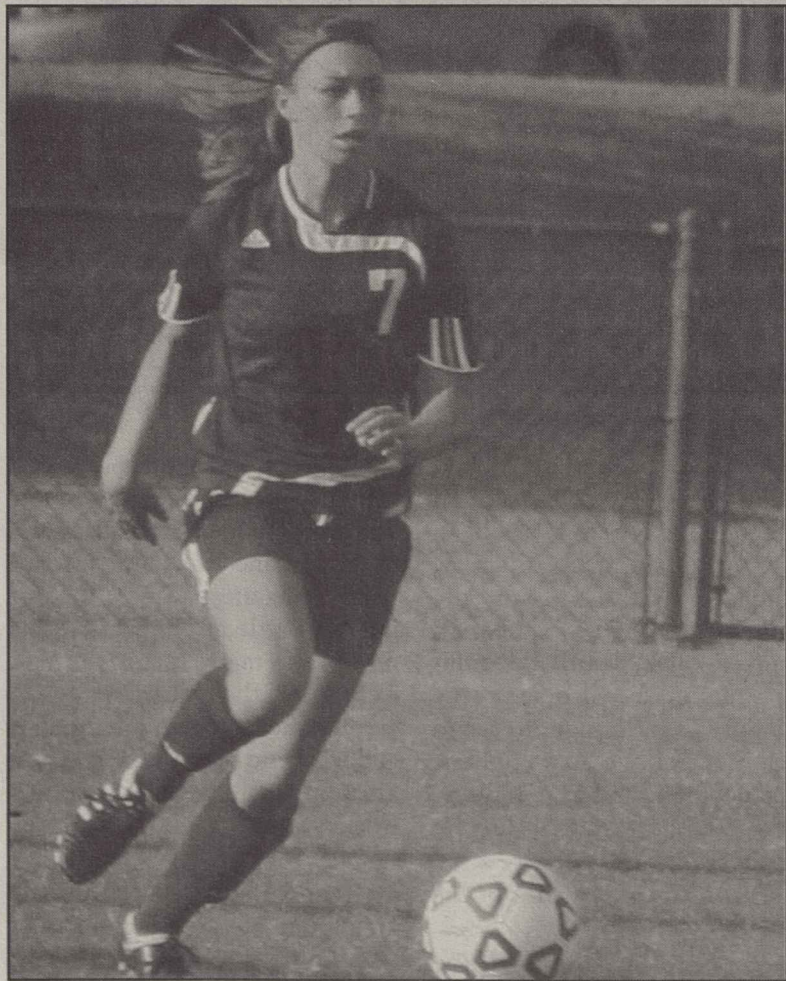
on the field, but also by all of the spectators in the stands and beside the field. The entire crowd was invested in the game and felt the anger at moments against the other team right alongside our players. After the commotion had died down slightly, the action out on the field was back on (the actual game that is).

The crowd followed the ball back and forth, waiting with baited breath, and then SCORE! It was Marcos Rodriguez, with an assist by fellow senior, Aaron Bergman for the goal.

With the score 3-2, the crowd watched in anticipation, and after a few "alarming" interruptions such as a soccer ball being kicked over the fence and setting off a car alarm, the crowd roared as Barcelona made a goal, bringing the final score in at 4-2.

Teamwork on the field was great! Teamwork on and off the field, this is what has set Centenary apart in the past and in all years to come.

Soccer Ladies Kick Off the Season with a Win

Ellen Orr
Staff Writer

Courtesy of GoCentenary.com

The Ladies soccer team is on a roll with a 2-0 record, having

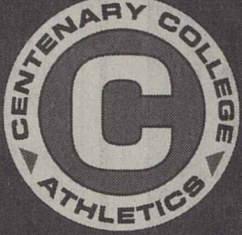
defeated Texas College and Millsaps College in the last week.

Texas College fell to the la-



Division III

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FORGING LEGACIES

Christian Prince
Staff Writer

As the Ladies and Gents prepare to kick-off their 2011-2012 athletic season, Centenary athletics has undergone several changes. With the addition of new coaches, a new athletic director, and most importantly a new division change, the Ladies and Gents are in for quite a year.

In the previous years, Centenary has been a part of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Summit League. While in the Summit League Centenary athletes had to travel to the Dakotas, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Utah, and Texas. Such traveling was very costly and kept student-athletes out of class.

Now the Ladies and Gents are a part of the NCAA Division III American Southwest Conference (ASC). The ASC is composed of 16 teams. 12 of the teams reside in Texas, one in Mississippi, one in Arkansas, and two in Louisiana. These teams are divided into East and West divisions. Centenary falls into the eastern division.

The only athletic group that is an exception to this change is the swim team. They have changed to the New South Intercollegiate Swim Conference, which is a Division II conference. They will compete against Division I, as well as Division II squads.

The Ladies and Gents will play teams such as East Texas Baptist University, UT-Dallas and Tyler, Mississippi College, University of the Ozarks, and many others. Some teams such as Women's Basketball and Volleyball play non-conference games against Division I opponents.

A recent interview was conducted with the Women's Basketball team Head coach Kristen Davis. Coach Davis has played, as well as coached Division I basketball. Now she is transitioning into the style of Division III. When asked about the division change coach Davis said, "I think it is a good move for Centenary College." The biggest change for athletes will be the rules. Division III rules are slightly different from Division I, but are easily adjusted to.

Coach Davis was also asked what her thoughts on the playing level were, and if this would affect the players game. She replied by saying, "Whether it is DI, DII, or DIII, it is still basketball." Meaning no matter what division an athlete is in, they are still going to play their game and will play their hardest.

When asked about the level of play, senior basketball player Megan Daniel said, "It's the same play, but a different level. It's the same talent." With this being Daniel's last year, she was asked if changing divisions changed anything for her. "It doesn't change anything. I'm excited to play. Division doesn't matter. I just want to play."

Spirits and attitudes were high about the new division change. The athletes, coaches, and fans have a positive outlook. Competition will still be tough, but the Ladies and Gents have been working hard prepare for their seasons.

This new year, new season, and new conference better be ready for the Ladies and Gents who are coming in with raw new and old experienced talent. They are ready to face any challenge that lies ahead of them. Go Ladies and Gents!!!

dies Thursday at Mayo in the first two minutes, with junior Holden Penney putting away a quick goal.

Senior Candace Rushing finished on a corner kick with a header. Freshman Carly Slovensky scored the third, with an assist from fellow freshman Celia Sobelman. The second half of the match was also dominated by the Ladies, with sophomore Justine Kemp and junior Traci Lee ending the game with successful shots on goal.

Saturday, the team went on the road to Jackson, MS, where they edged Millsaps College on their home turf. The game ended 1-0, with the sole goal being scored by junior Holden Penney

on a rebounded shot taken by junior Traci Lee.

The seniors are pleased with the results, and are looking forward to the rest of the season.

Senior Candace Rushing agrees. "It feels so good to be a part of such a wonderful group of Ladies who are so willing to work on and off the field," she said. "I feel like these wins are very deserving after all of the work we put in and continue to put into this program."

Senior Laura Immenschuh is also impressed with the team's ability to work together as a unit, and she is confident that this will result in a bright future for the team. "As a returner, I am

Upcoming Events

Swimming

Men's
Sept. 09
Stanford
Lafayette, LA
6:00pm

Soccer

Women's
Sept. 07
UL-Monroe
Mayo Field
7:00pm

Women's
Sept. 10
Northwestern State Univ.
Tahlequah, OK
7:00pm

Women's
Sept. 12
LSU-Shreveport
Mayo Field
5:00pm

Men's
Sept. 12
LSU-Shreveport
Mayo Field
7:00pm

Cross Country

Women's
Sept. 09
ULM
Monroe, LA
6:30pm

Men's
Sept. 09
ULM
Monroe, LA
7:00pm

very encouraged by the way the entire team has pulled together so quickly," she said. "We have started the season off on the right foot and are looking forward to a successful season."

Rushing is blogging about each game this season. Her blogs include descriptions of each individual match, as well as her first-person perspective and video segments. Find her blog online at www.gocentenary.com

The team's next match is this Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 7 p.m. at Mayo Field.

VIEWPOINTS

China Dragon: The Best Chinese Food in Town



Madeline Fechter
Viewpoints Editor

Don't want to drive all the way down Youree Drive to China Bear? Don't want to deal with LSU Health Sciences Center parking and traffic to eat at Jade Express on Kings Highway? Well, the best Chinese food in town is only a short five minute drive from Centenary's campus.

China Dragon, located at 4420 Youree Drive right next to Ichiban, serves Chinese food in Cantonese, Hunan, and Szechuan styles using the finest ingredients. In addition, they only use

100% pure vegetable oil.

China Dragon serves a wide variety of entrees under \$10 by delivery or in house pick-up. Even better, these orders are cooked hastily without sacrificing delicious taste and customary service. I have made three pick-up orders in the past month, all of which have been ready in ten minutes.

Are you sick of shoveling your lo mein into those classless buffet Styrofoam boxes? At China Dragon your entrée comes in authentic white wire handle boxes.

In terms of appetizers, China Dragon offers delicious crab meat cheese dumplings. These deep-fried dumplings, stuffed with cream cheese and lightly flaked crab meat, are scrumptious when dipped in sweet and sour sauce.

My favorite poultry dishes include chicken with broccoli and Szechwan chicken. Szechwan chicken is your type of meal if you're looking for a bold, spicy flavor. Chicken with broccoli is a savory, milder option.

Beef and pork lovers must try the Mongolian spin on these classic dishes. These dishes consist of flank steak or pork stir-fried with vegetables in a savory brown sauce. Unlike other Chinese restaurants in town, China Dragon does not overload its Mongolian beef and pork dishes with an overwhelming amount of onions.

China Dragon is open Tuesday-Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday-Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Sunday from 11:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. So, if you want to reward yourself after a long day of class or want to try something different for a Sunday lunch date, grab some China Dragon.

To contact China Dragon, try their phone at (318) 868-8882. You can also visit their website at www.lachinadragon.com.

Do You Know What You Really Believe? Revival of the College Republicans Group

Andrea Violet
Business Manager

Across the nation, the majority of college students' passion concerning the issues facing our country and the people making the decisions on those issues seems lukewarm, at best. Taking this under consideration raises major concern for those of us who want to make a difference and make our country an even larger world superpower in the coming years.

College is about either determining or confirming your beliefs and building your integrity and character as a foundation for the rest of your life. Too many college students simply believe what their parents have taught them to believe, without truly knowing why they claim to believe these things. Developing your beliefs is to build your character, and education plays a

major role in the development of ideological beliefs; be they political, societal, or epistemological.

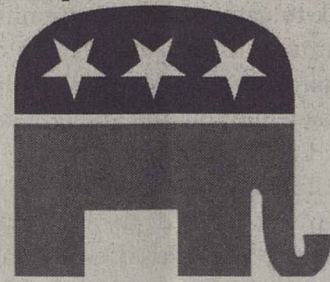
Education, in this sense, involves knowledge of the issues our society is faced with, knowledge of theories and practical application, and finally, the ability to develop justifications and defenses for those ideological beliefs. The only way to affect change in society is to have a concrete foundation of your personal beliefs and to have the confidence and ambition to make those beliefs heard and known.

This being said, the perfect way to begin the process of your personal political education and advocacy is to join a group on campus which will enable you to educate yourself and be involved in the education of others. I am spearheading the campaign for the College Republicans group on our campus. With the typically Democratic nature of college

campuses, the Republican cause needs even more representation.

The only way students can make educated decisions from the information fed to them on college campuses is to make sure both sides of the political spectrum are represented. The College Democrats and College Republicans will now be equally represented on Centenary's campus, and the constructive debating can now begin!

If you are possibly interested in joining the College Republicans or simply just checking out a meeting, contact Andrea Violet at aviolet@my.centenary.edu or by cell phone at (318) 393-9747.



Yogie and Friends Open Through October



Andrea Labor
Staff Writer

For once, the weather has been nice enough to go outside. Cool breeze, overcast skies, rain of all things... Fortunately for the students cooped up on campus, the Shreveport-Bossier area con-

tinues to offer a wide variety of activities to those willing to take advantage. One of these is Yogie and Friends Exotic Cat Sanctuary, a home for unwanted big cats.

Yes, there are homes for tigers people no longer want as pets. Yes, people keep tigers as

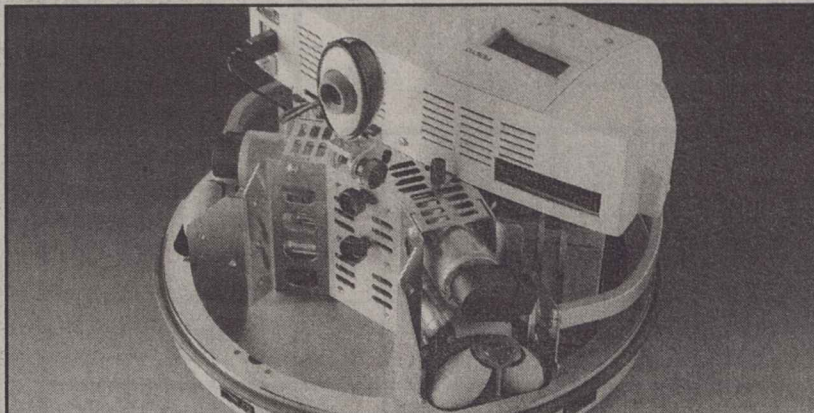
pets. Yes, this is an incredibly stupid idea, and yes, Yogie and Friends is open to the public.

Thirty minutes from campus down I-49, the unassuming sanctuary is open every Saturday (weather permitting) from noon to five. It currently boasts seventeen inhabitants: six lions, five tigers, three servals, one bobcat, one cougar, and one slightly grumpy black leopard.

Animal lovers are more than encouraged to visit, as are all who care to be five feet away from a Bengal tiger (pictured) or see one of the cougars who call the area home. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, and the non-profit sanctuary operates mainly on donations.

For those who wish to help, one of the biggest fundraising

Weird Science: Mind Reading Machines



Madeline Fechter
Viewpoints Editor

Researchers have worked on creating a noninvasive way of recording brain activity, and using these brain waves to manipulate robots. These scientists aim to serve "locked in" patients, people that are aware and awake but cannot move or communicate verbally due to complete paralysis of nearly all voluntary muscles, by allowing them to physically interact with their friends and family.

According to José del R. Millán, a biomedical engineer at the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) in Switzerland, "previous brain-machine interface systems have made it possible for people to control robots, cursors, or prosthetics with conscious thought, but they often take a lot of effort and concentration."

"A partially autonomous robot would allow a user to stop concentrating on tasks that he or she would normally do subconsciously, such as following a person or avoiding running into walls. But if the robot encounters an unexpected event and needs to make a split-second decision, the user's thoughts can override the robot's artificial intelligence," said Sara Reardon in her article "Disabled Patients Mind-Meld With Robots" in Science Magazine.

A commercially available robot called Robotino was used to test their research. A laptop running Skype, a voice and video internet chat system, was strapped to the top of the robot so that users can see where the robot goes. Skype also allows those who encounter the robot to see the user.

Reardon also described that the "user also wore a cap of tiny electroencephalogram (EEG) electrodes, which measured his or her brain activity. This system translates the EEG signals into navigation instructions and transmits them in real time to the robot."

Reardon's article explains that a person's brain's EEG patterns for physical activity are

quite similar for all people, and Millán's group has previously demonstrated that "after a little practice, a healthy person can share control with the robot with very little effort."

However, one question that this research proposes is: would a paralyzed person, who hasn't used their limbs for years or ever, have the same EEG patterns able to effectively control the robot?

The Millán research team used two patients whose lower bodies had been paralyzed for 6 or 7 years, and allowed them to work with the robot once a week for a month and a half. After this time period, the patients were instructed to mentally guide the robot to various targets around Millán's lab for 12 minutes.

"The disabled patients performed just as well as healthy subjects, Millán and colleagues report this week at the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society conference in Boston. When the researchers turned the shared control off, forcing the subjects to constantly concentrate on controlling the robot, the subjects took considerably longer to navigate the maze than when they shared control," said Reardon.

In the article, Millán said that it was not unexpected that the paralyzed patients could control the robot because previous research has shown that even patients who have been paralyzed since birth can still imagine moving their limbs. He did describe that it was surprising how quickly they were able to master the robot.

According to Reardon, Millán is now hoping to involve more bedridden patients, including locked-in patients in the study. He also sees future uses for the shared control brain-machine interface, such as modifying it to let a user control a prosthetic limb or a wheelchair. In the future, the researchers want to add an arm to the current robot to allow it to grasp objects.

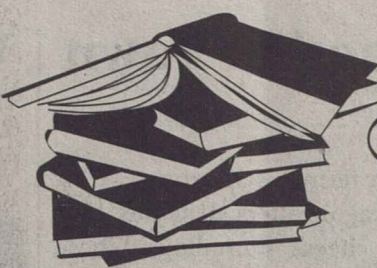
not the "Freezer Fund" (Yogie recently had to overhaul the damaged industrial freezer necessary for the constant meat supply).

While the bake sales have been going on for five years, the sanctuary itself has been present for over a decade and continues to promote the education of the public in regards to exotic pets. For more information, please visit the website www.yogieand-friends.org.

EXTRAS

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Literary

"Affair"
by Karley Jayde

I think sometimes we have silent affairs with our eyes
You see it and I see it but we don't say anything

And when the cold air comes in I always look to see if
you notice

Me shivering, to the side, trying to catch your eyes

You don't notice on purpose; you want [so indefinitely]
to touch me
To warm me

Or melt me; the difference is complicated.
And returning to dust - we would be restrained by the
limits

Of our hands and feet [of our bodies]. But I think you
love me [more than that].

I think sometimes I feel you say hello multiple times a
day.
Reminds me that you haven't forgotten, but everyone is
watching.

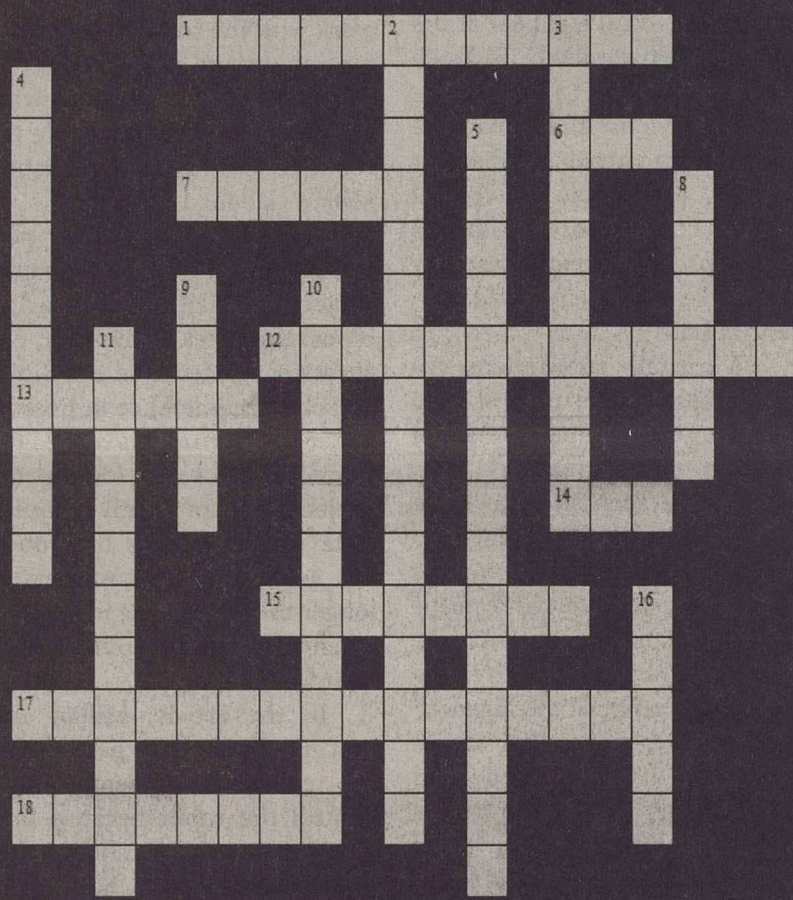
If they saw your eyes a mirror might explode.
It's a pattern of collision; I'm in love with your dialogue.

Just keep saying hello. What happens in the electric
distance between us
Might be all we are allowed to have. At least I know your
name.

Inconsistently, I am loving you too.

Want to contribute one of your works to literary corner?
Email us at: conglomerate@centenary.edu

Crossword Across Campus



ACROSS

- 1 Enjoy the show.
- 2 The building that makes Centenary an Ivy League school.
- 7 Sam Peters Building.
- 10 The brightest building off campus.
- 12 Two LLC's are based here.
- 13 Moore Student Union Building
- 14 Old folks home.
- 16 Choral Building

DOWN

- 1 Darkest windows on campus
- 2 Shhh!
- 3 All girls, all the time.
- 4 A place where business is done.
- 5 Hargrove Memorial Ampitheatre
- 6 Three different departments hold classes in this building.
- 8 DPS, Psych.
- 9 Get yo Jesus on!
- 11 Ton of sexy.
- 15 Haunted basement

Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18) Welcome to the cram session. This time, you have thirty minutes before your hardest class's evil test of doom, and you spent the night playing Final Fantasy X. Today, that sucks for you. Your lucky number will be the days until you receive your next F.

Pisces (2/19-3/20) Beware of sharks in the sink. The gerbil may also be cause for concern. Your lucky number will be the time it takes the latter to eat the former. If it reaches over 9,000, expect a meteorite. Tonight, play with a hagfish.

Aries (3/21-4/19) Welcome back to campus, where gremlins will more than likely be running amok in your closet. Enjoy this break while you can, and remember: Lucky number Q.

Taurus (4/20-5/20) "No sleep for you," declares Venus. It, along with the dwarf planet Ceres, expect you to have noisy people on your floor. Your lucky number is A^a. If you don't understand, add another math to your schedule.)

Gemini (5/21-6/21) Beware of being a minor character in a zombie movie. If your lucky

number is seven, you will be bitten and suffer a horrible vanquishing. If your lucky number is thirteen, you will survive at least long enough to watch society crumble. Tonight, go for the rocket launcher, not the water gun.

Cancer (6/22-7/22) There may be mealworms in your fridge. This will be irrelevant to your next week only if you can prove why k doesn't equal k if k=potato. Conversely, your lucky number is a if b=taco. Tonight, seek professional assistance.

Leo (7/23-8/22) The Sun will take your next essay to burn as fuel, and your professor will advise you to stick with the dog excuse. To find your lucky number, blow up your flash drive and count the pieces. Tonight, go watch a really boring movie and study your brains out.

Virgo (8/23-9/22) You have been signed up for a yoga class. You will either excel or pull something important. Your lucky number is 6. This weekend, befriend a sacrificial goat.

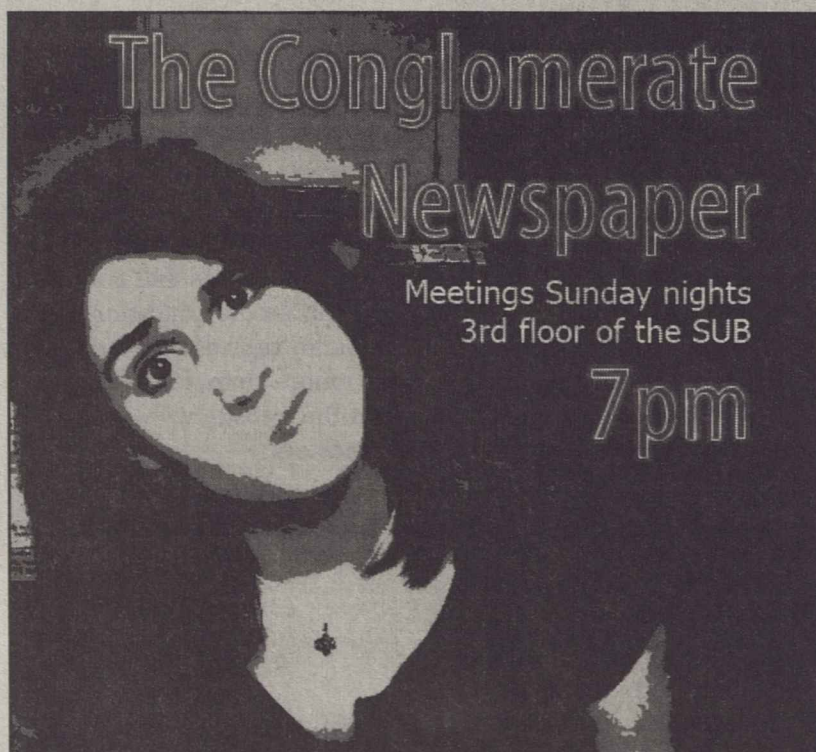
Libra (9/23- 10/22) Your case will not reach an appeals

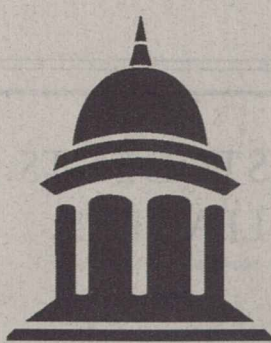
court. Instead, you will be sentenced to community service, where you will be eaten by an angry tourist and have no time to work on your next major paper. Your lucky number is the weight of justice.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21) Go play in traffic. Then, go figure out whether or not you are worthy of a lucky number by studying the ashes of a hundred dollar bill. Tonight, keep your hands to yourself.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21) Your aim is terrible. Your aim is even worse than a Gemini's, which must mean that you got no sleep whatsoever. Your lucky number is the sum of your next score at darts. Your week will be great only if your score is less than zero. Tonight, aim for the floor.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19) Your tacos are soggy. Don't complain, lest you face the wrath of a copy-righted supervillain. Your lucky number is the product of your age subtracted from those of your parents. If this is negative, your week will be... busy. If it is positive, retake basic math.





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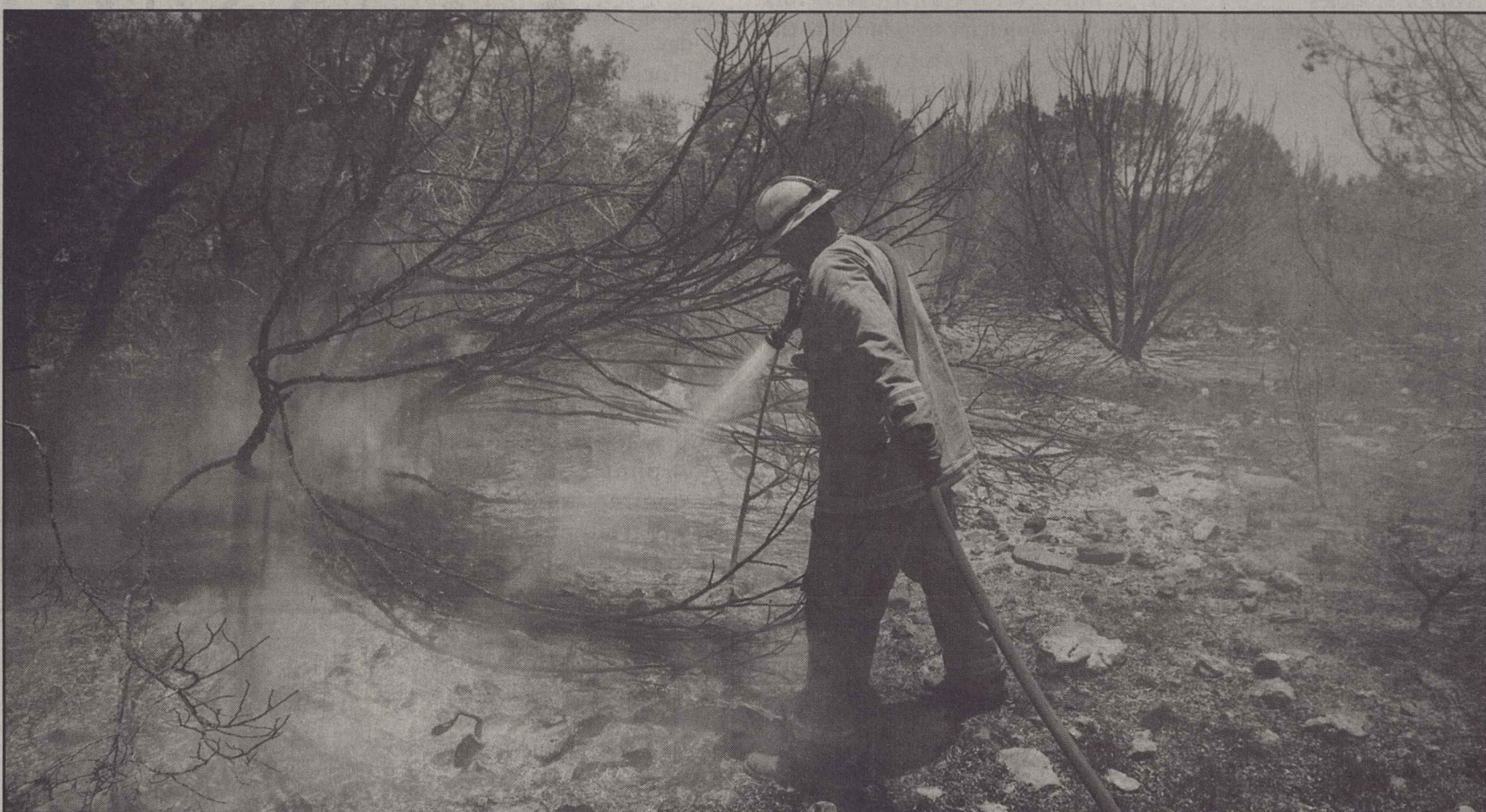
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Record Breaking Heat Wave Scorches the South



Wilborn Nobles III
News Editor

During the summer of 2011, heat waves have brought about many devastating effects to North America at large. Weather stations claim that temperatures reached 131 Fahrenheit, thus becoming the hottest heat wave in 75 years.

For students and staff that stayed during the summer, the heat wave made summer a challenging experience. Senior student Delisha Powell spent the summer traveling between Shreveport, Dallas, and Monroe. While she enjoyed visiting her family, she admits that the heat often irritated her during the trips.

"I mostly stayed in during the summer," said Powell, "the heat was really excruciating in Dallas and Shreveport."

Temperatures in Dallas remained in the 100 Fahrenheit level for 40 consecutive days. Officials report that the southern heat was the cause for at least 33 deaths excluding additional deaths from animals whom

appear to be victims of the heat. Another factor that the heat has contributed to is the dryness of plant life across the region. Dr. Edwin Leuck II, professor of biology at Centenary, has observed how the heat in addition to the prolonged drought has affected the plants at Centenary's arboretum.

"If this type of summer is to be typical," said Dr. Leuck, "then we need to be looking toward Dallas for things to plant and not the drought-and-heat-susceptible plants of the east."

According to Dr. Leuck, plants that have been here for 25 years have dried up and died due to the heat and drought. These include a couple of dogwoods, a large beech tree, a black walnut tree, and a majority of the native azaleas he's planted. Dr. Leuck no longer plans to plant another set of azaleas, but is happy to see that the red bay tree are re-sprouting from the lower stems. He has constantly given these plants water in an effort to sustain them and it seems the remainder of his plants will be okay in the long-term. However, other areas of the South have experienced the

even worse consequences of the prolonged heat and drought.

Since April, destructive wildfires have plagued Texas only to leave ruins and waste in its aftermath. President Obama has even declared a majority of areas in Texas as disaster areas due to the intensity of the fires. According to officials, these fires have burned three million acres, two thousand homes, and the numbers appear to be increasing slowly. Junior student Katie Rivers is among the fortunate residents of Bastrop County whose households remain unaffected from the fires.

"The winds and the hurricanes were blowing to the South," said Rivers, "if they would have been going in any other direction our house would be gone."

The fires originated just miles away from her home, but the wind directed its path around her house leaving it safe. Unfortunately, many of the residents that are acquainted with Rivers' father have lost their homes.

The fires also destroyed many of the buildings and parks

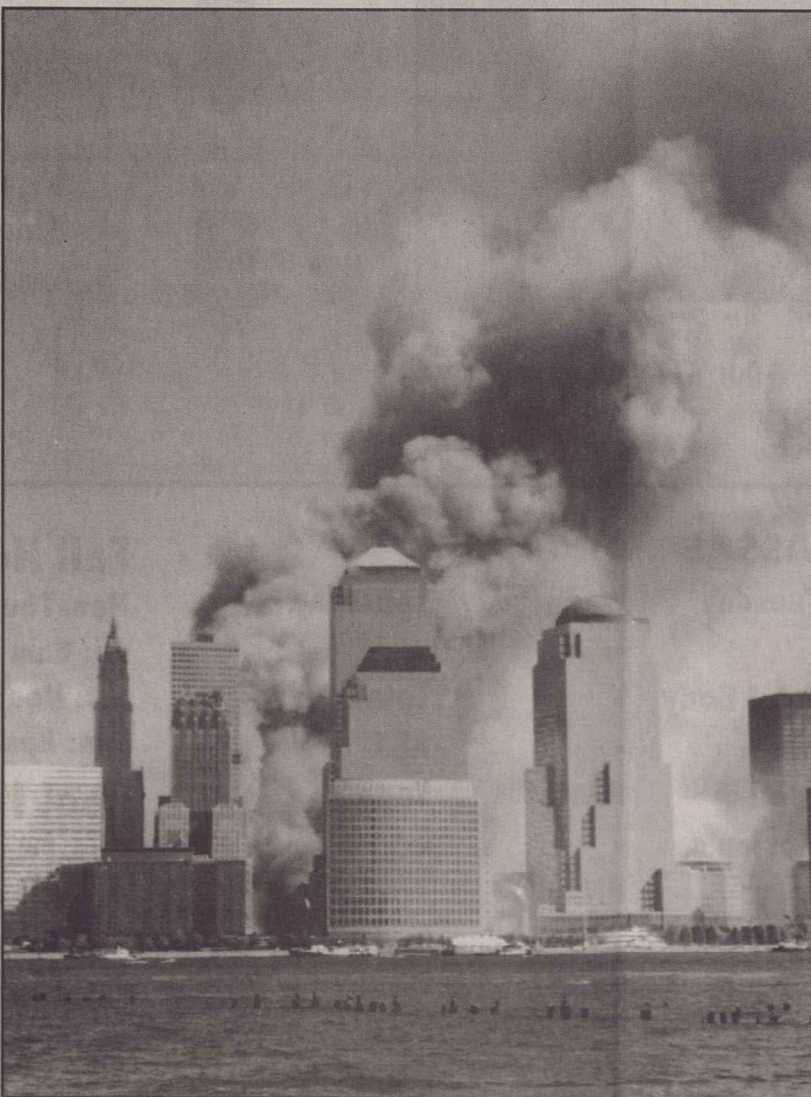
that River's used to visit. While most of the fires in the Bastrop area have been put out, there is still work to be done for the people without homes.

Rivers said that federal aid has assisted a majority of the people that have lost their homes by placing them in hotels and her father has also pitched in to assist those that have lost their homes by providing one family with living space.

"It's a lot of houses that have to be rebuilt...like hundreds," said Rivers.

The heat wave has caused a lot of issues for people living in the South. Many people have suffered from heatstroke and plants have dried up in many areas. As the fires are slowly being put out, families are left without homes and officials say the bodies of two people have been found among the remains of rubble. Only time will tell how Texas and the rest of the South will cope with the losses dealt by the deadly heat waves of 2011.

America Reflects on 10th Anniversary of 9/11



Wilborn Nobles III
News Editor

Last Sunday, Centenary and the rest of the nation reflected over the historical tragedy that occurred on September 11, 2001. Not only have memorials taken place where the twin towers once stood, but Shreveport, Bossier City, and practically every state in the country is paying their respects to the lives lost during the three Sept. 11 attacks. Centenary College also paid tribute to this sober occasion at the Barnwell Center where faculty members submitted art that expressed the nation's ideals and visions for a better tomorrow.

A decade later, many students and faculty here at Centenary are united by their own unique experiences regarding the effects of September 11. Most students here today were too young to remember the sense of panic and despair when terrorists attacked the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Arlington,

Virginia. Junior student Charles Madden said that he was only in fifth grade during the time the attacks happened. Apparently, a faculty member came over the intercom and asked that everyone have a moment of silence.

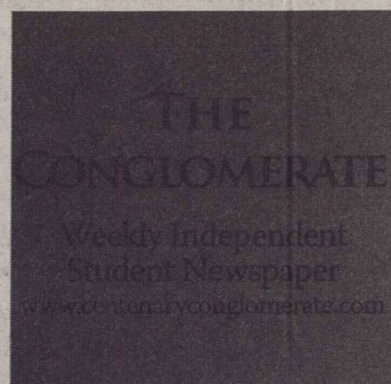
"The other class had gotten to see what was happening on TV," said Madden. "Our teacher didn't have her TV set up and after the moment of silence, the principal instructed that we do not watch anymore of the footage."

Madden didn't understand what was going on, but after visiting the local fire station throughout the year he was educated about the tragic event. To this day, he still has a copy of the section in the Shreveport Times that lists every name of the people that died on that day. Centenary's Associate Dean, Melva-Turner-Williams, was at work when during the attacks and cried as she watched the towers collapse.

"We had just walked down those very busy streets," said

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Letter from the Editor: Commemorating 9/11/2001

Ashley Lynch
Editor in Chief

It hardly seems like ten years have passed, but the events that occurred on 9/11/2001 have reached that anniversary.

For our generation, it's an event that's not one to be forgotten. Many, if not all, of us can remember exactly where we were and what we were doing when the towers fell in New York.

Centenary responded to that event. A page from that month's issue of The Conglomerate hangs on our office wall. I've glanced at it a few times since I was introduced to this organization, but I never took the opportunity to read it.

The framed article is one written by a staff writer named Darius H. Graham, and its title is "A Nation Changed." Pictures of candlelight processions and memorial services stand out on the page.

Graham writes, "The overwhelming exams, unbelievable break-ups and parties are belittled to be little

more than petty. Our scope has widened beyond Centenary, beyond Shreveport, beyond Louisiana."

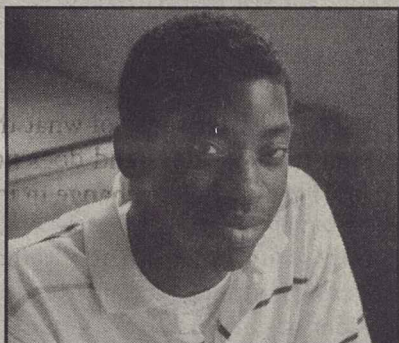
Graham's statement was a pointed one. It identified an issue that, oftentimes, we still forget: life is happening outside of the Centenary "bubble." There's a whole world out there, with issues more pressing than some of the more "petty" things that we're apt to focus on in the day-to-day.

For reasons like this, I'm excited about the potential that our budding learning communities can offer us. In this issue, we touch on the missions of the Centenary "GreenHouse" and newly-forming "Santé." Each of these communities has a goal to become more globally involved by starting at the local level.

By making a move to be more aware of our environment, we can hope to commemorate 9/11 in a way that supports our goal to keep that "scope" widened.

Question of the Week

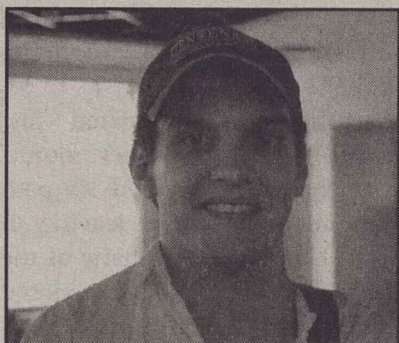
Where were you during the
9/11 attacks?



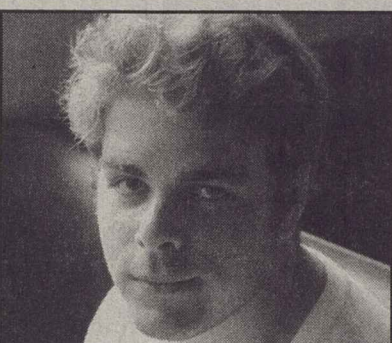
6th grade art class, coloring
Merwin McCrady, Senior



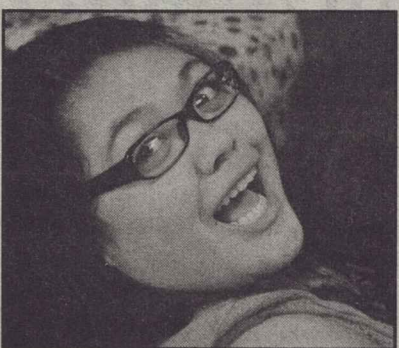
Watching TV with my family.
Reem Abo-Zahrah, Senior



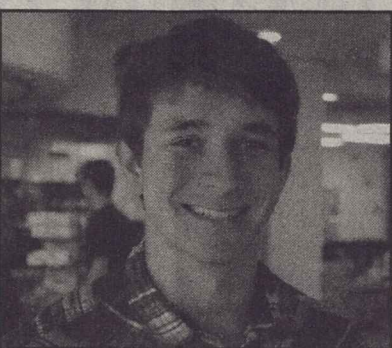
Delivering a message to a teacher.
Andrew Wood, Junior



5th grade
BJ Acosta, Junior



"In a doctor's office waiting room.
Jessica Bato, Sophomore



3rd Grade.
Andr Trahan, Freshman

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LEADERS TRAINING LEADERS.

CENTENARY'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

1:00P-4:00P

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OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS

ORGANIZATION MEETING
TO BE HELD FROM 4:30P-5P

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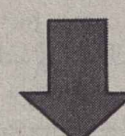
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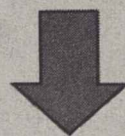
Glory of Living Preview Video
We're so excited for this play!



Campus BUG
The Plague begins ...



Pipe Issues
Love it when the water isn't on in the morning when you need to take a shower.



Sidewalk Constructions
Building sidewalks where sidewalks already exist?

Fitness Center Classes

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
6:00 am	Turbo Kick	-	-	-
7:15 am	-	Total Body	-	Total Body
11:15 am	-	ABS	-	ABS
Noon	Pilates	Yoga	Pilates	Yoga
4:35 pm	-	Mosley's	-	-
5:00 pm	Step	-	Hi/Lo	-
5:30 pm	-	Cycling	-	Turbo Kick
6:00 pm	Zumba	-	Zumba	-

Fall Hours

Mon-Thu: 6am - 10pm
Fri: 6am - 6pm
Sat: Noon - 6pm
Sun: 2pm - 6pm

Pool Hours

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Santé: the new Learning Community

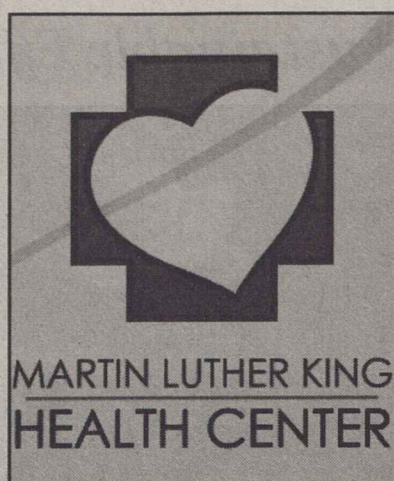
Ashley Lynch
Editor in Chief

Come spring, a new learning community will be joining the ranks of our already existing "Greenhouse" and "Le Quartier Français."

Santé, a product of classroom conversation, is a newly forming learning community where selected students will work together to solve problems in our local area, particularly those that address the nature of health care.

Accepted students will be required to enroll in a class this coming spring, where they'll meet to discuss problems and possible solutions for the project at hand: working to assist the Martin Luther King, Jr. Health Center, a clinic that provides free health care for people who don't qualify for Medicaid and don't have insurance, to assess the needs of its local community.

Essentially, those students will work to find out why the free medical assistance isn't being taken advantage of in areas that need it—whether that's due to something that they can work to change, like the addition of a bus stop, or something they can't, like a personal decision.



Santé students will work together to assist the Martin Luther King, Jr. Health Center.

Their research will provide the clinic with a needs assessment that will help the center to further reach out to residents who may not be receiving the medical attention that they need due to potentially solvable reasons.

It is the hope of philosophy professor Dr. Christopher Ciocchetti that, as the learning community progresses, it can become more globally driven.

Dr. Ciocchetti is currently working on a partnership with French professor and "Le Quartier Français" advisor, Dr. Dana Kress, to offer Santé students a chance to continue their work through a summer module trip to Haiti. The module would apply the same research techniques

used throughout their spring semester projects by working to solve a problem in the area.

The learning community has also applied for service-learning credit and is currently being reviewed.

So who can apply? Pre-med students are welcome, but they're not the only brand of students that this community hopes to recruit.

"This is not for pre-med students only, by any means," said Dr. Ciocchetti. "We need social science majors and people who have taken classes like research methods. We need people that know how to communicate. We need people that know how to present. We need people with knowledge of all sorts of different aspects."

Unfortunately, there is a limit to the number of students that can be accepted: the course only has room for twenty.

To apply for a spot in the Santé learning community, students should submit an application online by the September 21st deadline (website below). For more information, contact Drs. Chris Ciocchetti, Amy Hammond, or Joshua Lawrence or visit: <http://www.centenary.edu/llc/sante>.

Centenary moves forward with title changes



Laura Vaughan was one of several staff members who received a new title.

Ashley Lynch/Conglomerate

Nathan Yacovissi
Photographer

Centenary has undergone a lot of changes the past couple years, but there is a new vision that is finally settling in. New faces have been added to the staff, and familiar faces have switched to different offices and departments on campus. These changes are necessary and in some cases, are simply changed to make better sense of what the staff member does and does not involve a complete change in job description. Mark Miller was interviewed to get a better understanding of exactly what changes have been made and what to expect.

To give you an idea of how the chain of command works, Betsy Eaves is the Vice President of Student Development and Chaplain of the college. She oversees four people that report directly to her: Mark Miller, Christopher Lavan, Valerie Robideaux, and Laura Vaughn.

Mark Miller is the Dean of Students and is over the same departments and organizations from last year: Residence Life, Student Involvement, Student Government Association, and Greek Life. One change this year is Mark now oversees the Fitness Center and Health and Counseling Center; anything relating to health and wellness reports to him. Betsy and Mark's offices are located in the Student Life Office in the basement of the SUB.

Chris Lavan now has a new title called the Director of Global Engagement. Latoya Hemphill, Assistant Director for Community Engagement, and Nicole Munoz-Vern, the new Assistant Director of Intercultural Engagement, both report to Chris and are located in the 2910 building across the street from the Meadows Arts Museum. One major difference this year is that Chris now reports to Student Development instead of Academic Affairs. His office still does class and academic functions.

Valerie Robideaux is still the Director of the Christian Leadership Center, but she is also the Director of Professional Discernment, which is a new

department in Student Development this year. Helping Valerie, will be Assistant Director of the Professional Discernment department, Elizabeth Everett. Formerly working as the Assistant Director of Career Services, Elizabeth will still be helping with tips on building resumes, cover letters, and doing job interviews. Whether that is internships or just good activities for finding discernment, the Office of Professional Discernment is working to create a non-religious track that can help students figure out who they are.

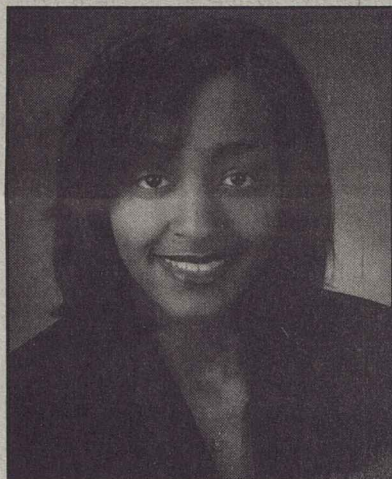
Director of Career Services and Placement, Dennis Taylor, will be taking on a new challenge this year. His goal is to help network and build relations with different employers and graduate schools, while also presenting ideas and information about being successful in their field after graduation.

Laura Vaughn is the Assistant to the Vice President of Student Development and is also the Director of Religious Life. Laura no longer works directly with the Christian Leadership Center, but oversees all Religious Organizations on campus and coordinates mission trips. Laura is taking on various projects throughout the year. She helped coordinate Honors Convocation this past year, Parent Orientation, and is currently helping put together the leadership development conference and homecoming later this fall.

Some new positions have been added to Centenary as well. In Residence Life, there is a new director, Montgomery Mewers, and a new position: Residence Life Coordinator, Zakiya Brown. Both are living on campus and you can find their offices in the Student Life Office. Even with all of these positions filled, there is an opening for the assistant director of the Christian Leadership Center.

While this is a lot of changes to process, they are necessary in helping Centenary move forward and really things have not changed too much. As Miller said, "The titles have changed, but jobs have not."

Melva Turner-Williams Becomes New Associate Dean at Centenary



Melva Turner-Williams, Associate Dean

Steven Finley
Sports Editor

This semester, Centenary College of Louisiana welcomes Melva Turner-Williams as the new Associate Dean of the College. Before getting involved with higher education she had a job running public relations for

the mayor of Ruston, Louisiana. She was able to do a lot because it was such a small town. Dr. Turner-Williams then went back to school to get her master's in Public Administration. She then became the HR Director for a department store company called Mervin's California.

She has had experience working in higher education for eleven years now. Before coming to Centenary she worked at much larger institutions. She started by working as the Program Coordinator at Grambling University. At one point she then worked as the Chief of Staff of College systems in the state of Louisiana. Under this system she managed a total of five different college campuses in Louisiana. At another point she served as the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs. She was over a

total of fourteen thousand students.

She was drawn to Centenary for its small campus feel. "The small campus feel really was a major draw because it gives you an opportunity to see change happen" said Dr. Turner-Williams. When she first got here her first act was to revamp the Student Resource Center. She helped get a firm established location set up for the Center in the Library and is working with the tutors to set up stable hours and systems to help it all run smoothly.

During her first month, she has felt really welcomed by everyone here. Centenary is glad to have her as a part of the Centenary family. If you ever need anything from Dr. Turner-Williams, her office is on the second floor of Hamilton Hall. She has also

International Spotlight: Cherry Wong

Rebecca Funderburg
Staff Writer

The Conglomerate: Where are you from?

Cherry Wong: My hometown is Guangzhou, but I study in Hong Kong.

Congo: What university do you study at?

Cherry: Lingnan University

Congo: How old are you?

Cherry: 20

Congo: What is your major?

Cherry: Finance

Congo: What do you think of Shreveport compared to Hong Kong?

Cherry: The people are really nice and I like the professors and student relationships here. It isn't as fast paced as Hong Kong. In Hong Kong it is all about efficiency.

Congo: What do you miss about Hong Kong?

Cherry: Mainly the food.

Congo: Is there a certain type of food that you miss?



Cherry: Dim sum, and traditional Chinese food that I cannot find here

Congo: What is your favorite snack food?

Cherry: Popcorn and Cheetos

Congo: Can you find Cheetos in Hong Kong?

Cherry: More or less, yes, but they aren't as spicy as they are here. They have the same shape though.

Congo: Is there any hobby that you want to learn how to do that you can't do now?

Cherry: Surfing

Congo: How is Hong Kong's weather?

Cherry: In the summer, the temperature is about like here. In Hong Kong, we have a lot more moisture since we are next to the sea. In the winter, it is a little warmer than here, maybe.

Congo: What is your favorite type of music?

Cherry: Pop music, I think, but in China they don't really distinguish between the types very much. Here they have jazz, classic, pop, but they don't do that over there.

Congo: What is your favorite hobby or hobbies?

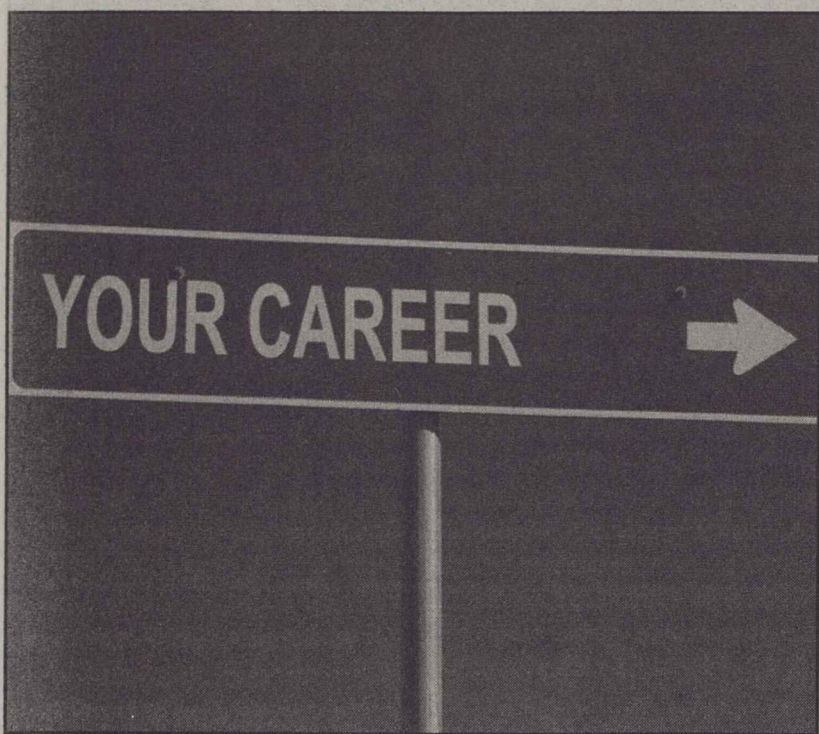
Cherry: Swimming and shopping.

Congo: Is there anything that surprised you about Shreveport?

Cherry: Things are cheap here; in Hong Kong they are much more expensive. The other is that the supermarkets are open 24 hours. In Hong Kong, only 7 11s are open 24 hours.

News

Career Corner: The Critical Year on the Job



Chaerli Faught
Staff Writer

Your long term success can depend upon how well you do during your first year in the work world. Every year college students prepare themselves for the work world: planning their careers, honing their interview and resume-writing skills, and preparing for their job searches. Some college students will find good jobs right away and start working with great enthusiasm and energy, and then almost as soon as they start they become disappointed in the results. Why does this happen?

This happens because students overlook a critical step and have negated much of the hard work that goes into finding a job. Most students think you graduate from college and then go, straight to work; however, that's not the case. Most

employers often complain about how little the new graduates know about being successful in a new work organization.

This is because the first year of work is different. The first year is the transition stage. New employees have to realize that they are not college students anymore and they are not professional yet. Many recently graduated students hold onto their student behaviors, perspectives, and attitudes and few of them realize that it'll take time to earn the rights, responsibilities, and credibility of a full-pledged professional.

This really matters because the way in which you enter a new organization and new job will have an impact on the amount of success you will have in the future with that company (future salary, advancement, job satisfaction, and ability to move within the organization).

Some first year success strategies are: slow down, learn the culture, and manage a good impression. Some peoples' strategy when at a new job is to charge ahead, trying to make big contributions and dream up great ideas for new initiatives or changes to impress colleagues. If you do this before you've earned acceptance and before you understand the new workplace, you'll most likely embarrass yourself immediately.

What makes the most positive impression is not showing how much you know, but rather demonstrating the maturity to know how much you don't know. Learning the culture of your new organization is critical because every company is different and has its own personality. Organizations want employees that fit the culture and embrace it in a positive manner.

The last thing, managing a good impression, is also critical. When you start a new job, there are many people watching you and trying to assess your ability to succeed. In the beginning, everything you do is magnified and that safety net that you'll be creating, so to speak, will help you in the long run. You want to show your bosses and colleagues your professional maturity, not your college-student ways.

Resources: Job Choices 2012, Diversity Edition. "The Critical First Year on the Job," by Ed Holton.

Go Green(House)!

Sustainable Efforts on Campus



Karley Aiken/Conglomerate

Karley Aiken
A&E Editor

In years prior, there have been small projects around campus put together by a select few Centenary community members in attempts to make our campus more "green." However, until this school year, there hasn't been a program as extensive and impactful as the GreenHouse.

In the Sustainability Living/Learning community otherwise known as the GreenHouse, students and faculty work closely together to learn about and address sustainability issues and challenges on campus, in the local community, and on a global scale. There are 26 students in the program; most students are located in the right wing of James Proper. Three faculty members head the program: Dr. Gloria Walker, Dr. Troy Messina, and Dr. Jeanne Hamming.

For the academic element of the program, students are taking a crash course in sustainable systems thinking in order to learn the basics of sustainability – why it's important?, what has happened?, what is happening?, and how students' combined efforts can significantly impact our community.

At the first GreenHouse meeting, held on Tuesday, August 23rd, new gadgets were passed out to students (including an energy-saving power outlet). "Already," Dr. Hamming notes, "students are beginning to see how their curiosity to learn about living sustainably drastically improves the progress that the GreenHouse makes as a collective group."

"Transformation takes time,"

says Dr. Hamming. "It's going to take time to transform the college into a more sustainable place, to transform the world into a more sustainable place. I'm excited about the small steps that we're taking...and engaging the students in the conversation about sustainability – and seeing where that leads us. Sustainability is about personal transformation – but that's not enough. We have to change the system. This program is the first step towards starting that conversation, learning what the issues are, and forging bonds with each other."

In regards to what you can do to make the world a greener place, you might be thinking that what you do – in your dorm & on/around campus – won't really make a difference. The Sustainability Living/Learning community not only educates students and informs them and the surrounding community just how great an impact can be made, but also provides the plans and resources to make a substantial impact.

The GreenHouse also encourages students to enjoy coming together as a community and taking pleasure in simple activities – such as cooking, planting for fall, and bonding together – in order to fulfill a healthy lifestyle. To stay updated with the GreenHouse and to find out how you can participate, friend "Centenary GreenHouse" on Facebook, "like" their Facebook page, or "follow" them on Tumblr: www.centenarygreenhouse.tumblr.com.

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Dr. Williams as she recalled her summer visit to New York shortly before the attacks, "and now I saw people running for their lives trying to escape the rubble that was pouring into the streets from the collapsing buildings."

Dr. Williams tried to contact two of her friends that just happened to be flight attendants at the time. Unnerved because no one replied to her calls for the entire day, she was relieved to hear from her friends later that night who were still horror-struck and tired from walking many hours as result of the suspension of public transportation in New York.

"I remember that President Bush made his first public announcement after the attack here at Barksdale Air Force Base and I knew then for sure that things in this country would never be the same," said Dr.

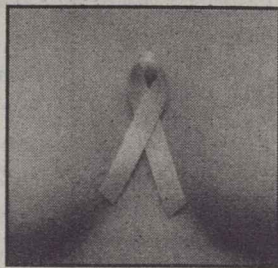
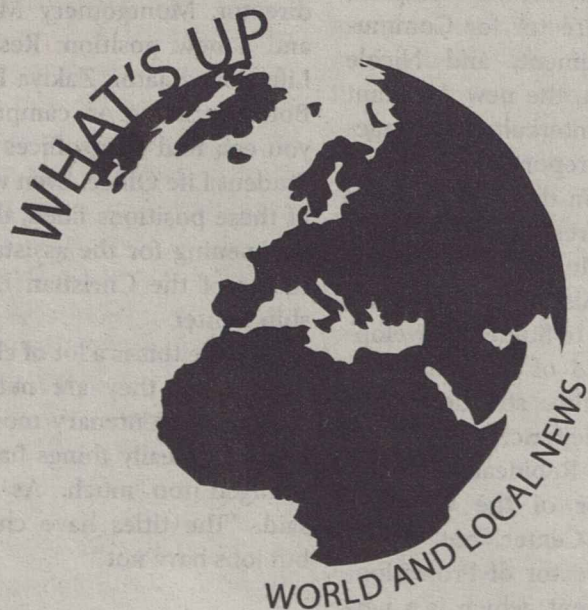
Williams.

Mrs. Sharon Chevalier, the Head of the Circulations Department at Magale Library, said that campus was hectic for days following the news of what happened in New York and at the Pentagon. Mrs. Chevalier was about to turn off her vehicle before her car radio blared with the news of the attacks and she joined with the rest of Magale's staff as they used every source of media available to find out what happened. When she heard that President Bush was sent to the Barksdale Air Force Base, she was scared that terrorists would attack the base which potentially put her and the students in danger. Mrs. Chevalier remembers how students quickly returned home that day, some of them defensive and suspicious of others due to fears ranging from terrorist attacks to racial

profiling. Like the rest of the nation, students and faculty were worried about their lives on that day.

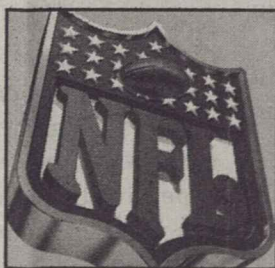
"We all had anxieties that day," said Mrs. Chevalier, "and we didn't know what would happen next."

As of today, our nation strives to keep the memories of the deceased alive. The sites of the attacks in New York City are being rebuilt and a memorial to the casualties of the attacks is located in New York. Only one tower has been completed and four additional ones are expected in the near future. Many tears have been shed due to these attacks, but this nation's values of duty, loyalty and freedom are still present for decades to come.



Women's Cancer on the rise

Recent studies show 2 million new cases of breast and cervical cancer were found in 2010 worldwide and accounted for 625,000 deaths. Statistics suggest that younger women in poorer countries fare the worst, and that stronger measures to avert this issue need to be taken.



NFL Season Opens

Football is back! America celebrates the return of their favorite NFL teams, starting with a showdown between the Superbowl winners of the past two years: the Green Bay Packers and the New Orleans Saints



9/11 Remembered

The world recognized the 10th anniversary of the events that occurred on September 11th, 2001. After its dedication ceremony on 9/11/11, the "9/11 Memorial" in New York opened its doors to the general public.

A&E

Op/Ed: "All great things must end!"

Harry Potter
1997 - 2011

Christian Prince
Staff Writer

On July 15, 2011, an epic masterpiece came to an end. The multi-billion dollar Harry Potter movie franchise wrapped up with the release of its final series installment, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 2." The final Harry Potter film shattered box office records. Current records include largest grossing for the weekend (foreign and domestic), for a PG-13 rated movie, for the month of July, on an opening and single day, for a Friday, largest three and four day grosses, and it was recorded to reach \$100 million in two days, and \$150 million in three day.

According to Box Office Mojo, on its opening day, The Deathly Hallows opened with a stunning \$91,071,119. For the worldwide opening weekend \$483,189,427 (\$169,189,427 in the U.S.) was earned.

A series that started 14 years ago has become a worldwide phenomenon. It all began with a book about "the boy who lived." For many avid readers, as well as movie goers, it feels as if the ending of this series is the end of an amazing chapter in one's life.

From seeing their dreams

come true in the Mirror or Erised to fighting for the sides of good or evil, fans will be talking about the impact Harry Potter has left for many years to come. Not everyone has fell into the Potter craze though. The nature of the books and movies deals heavily with witchcraft. The American Library Association (ALA) has composed a list of the Top 100 Banned /Challenged books from 2000-2009 and the Harry Potter series ranks number one.

In an article published by Education World, it is thought that Harry Potter is opposed because people believe anything that is associated with witch or magic spells is evil. To support this Time online reported about how a group of parents in Maine destroyed copies of Harry Potter books because they "were promoting violence, witchcraft and devil worship."

As the popularity of the series has grown, the witchcraft angst has died down. It still tops the banned books list, but extreme measures to oppose the book aren't as frequent. These days you hear more about people dressing up in Potter attire and celebrating the release of such literary wonder.

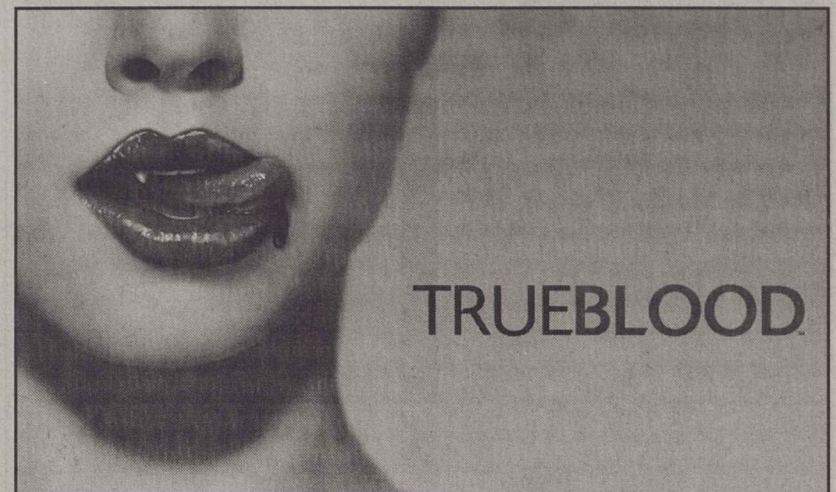
Fans have had mixed feel-

ings about the end of this legendary story. Some were satisfied with the end, while others felt Harry should have died. Collegiate freshman, Nigel Spellman thought "the ending was done well." When asked about his overall thoughts of the series, Spellman said he "liked how it transitioned from innocent fun to these kids are determining the fate of the world."

Another freshman, Mimi Weary said she "wasn't bothered" by the ending, but "it wasn't my childhood ending." Weary thought as the series developed J.K. Rowling "grew as an author."

To quote the great Albus Dumbledore, "To the well organized mind, death is but the next great adventure." As this series comes to an end, fans must wait to see what comes next. According to Muggle Net, a Harry Potter fan site, author J.K. Rowling plans to publish a Harry Potter encyclopedia within the next five or so years. It is planned that the proceeds from the encyclopedia will go to charity. Also, come October 2011 the website Pottermore will officially open. Fans can explore the story more in depth and stay updated on the current works of J.K. Rowling.

Op/Ed: "Spoiler Alert! 'True Blood' Season Four Finale: Death, Cliffhangers, and True Blood without Alan Ball"



Madeline Fechter
Viewpoints Editor

In the four seasons of True Blood, the only thing that is predictable is the unpredictable. Alan Ball, the show's creator, succeeded in leaving True Blood viewers wanting, even needing more after the Season Four finale, "And When I Die," that aired last Sunday, September 11.

Although Sookie makes her decision regarding Bill and Eric, and Marnie's control over the town of Bon Temps finally comes to an end, we were still left a multitude of cliffhangers awaiting resolution in season five. Long-lost villains from seasons past including Russell Edgington, Steve Newlin, and Rene, are creeping back into the lives of our favorite Bon Temps characters, only hinting at the at the evil to come.

And as the finale title suggests, death is the prominent factor in this episode. Jesus sacrifices himself for the love of his life Lafayette and Tara doing the same to protect her best friend Sookie. The characters of True Blood both human and nonhuman took a beating this season, but it looks like it was just a warm-up for the chaos that awaits them in Season Five.

However, the characters of the beloved show might not be the only ones to suffer. True Blood fans might share in the suffering with potential loss of

the show's creator. Last June, Ball has told the Hollywood Reporter that he might be leaving after Season Five.

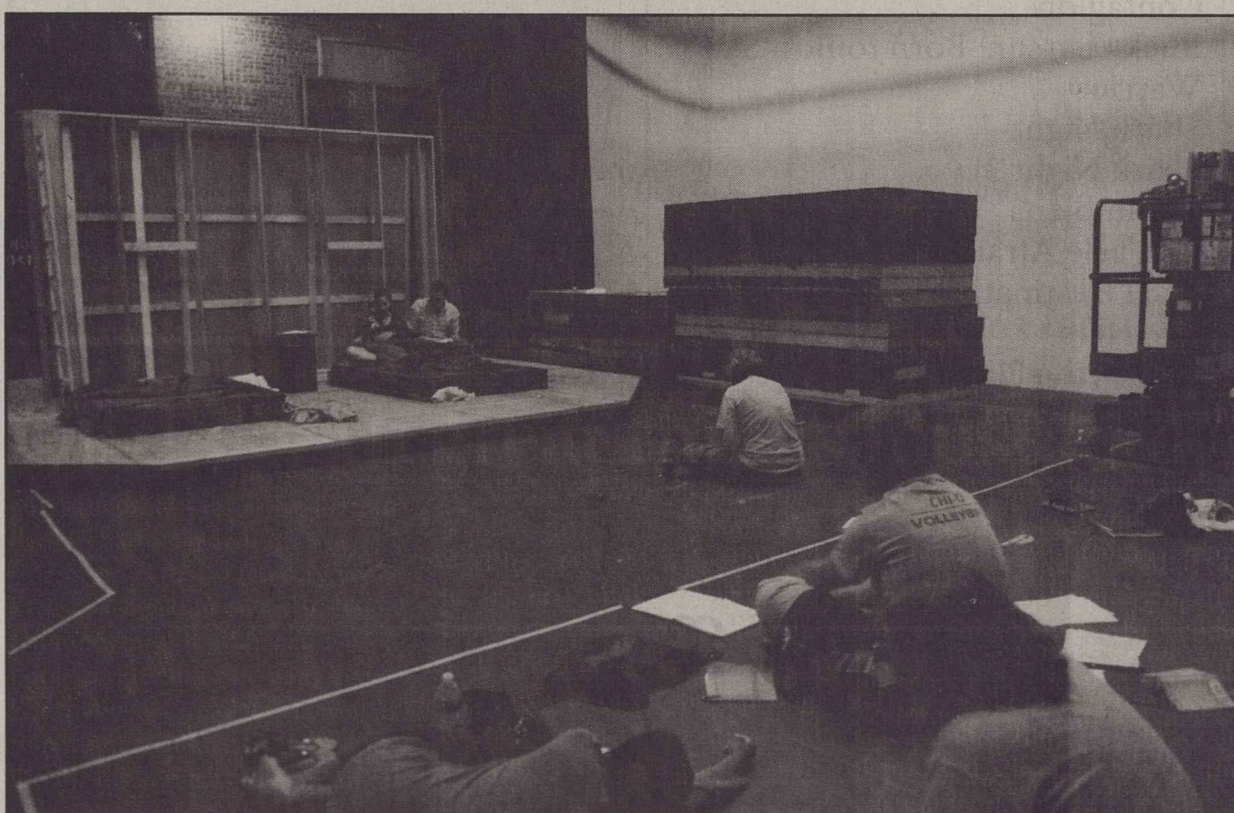
"Right now I'm in the middle of negotiating for a fifth season," Ball told The Hollywood Reporter at Tuesday's Season Four premiere in Hollywood. "I don't know if I have any left in me after that. We'll see."

The showrunner, whose résumé also includes the cable network's critical favorite Six Feet Under, added that he could see the show based on Charlaine Harris' 13-book Sookie Stackhouse series "going a few more seasons."

"I think if we did 13 seasons we'd have to address why vampires are aging," Ball joked. "Maybe there would be a bad batch of True Blood. ... With the supernatural thing you can always go places story-wise that you couldn't go on another show."

Ball, who signed on to direct a dark comedy pitch he developed with Elan Mastai that landed at Paramount, said that season four has been "really tough," and while he's happy with it, he's "ready to take a big vacation right now."

"I'll play it by ear and see how it happens," he said.

MLP's "The Glory of Living"
premieres Friday, September 30th

Julia Puac
Website Editor

"Like madness is the glory of this life. Who lives that's not deprived or deprives? Who dies that hears not one spurn to their graves of their friends' gifts? I should fear those that dance before me now would

one day stamp upon me. 'T has been done' men shut their doors against a setting sun." – William Shakespeare, Timon of Athens

Like madness indeed is what you will see in the upcoming production of The Glory of Living directed by Emily Heugatter. In this play written by Rebecca

Gilman, all sense of normalcy is lost completely.

This play, premiering on September 30, 2011, will permeate all these questions. The story is based in the deep south where Lisa (played by Chelsea David) goes from motel to motel running away from a mur-

derous spree as she constantly tries to find some normality. She seeks said "normality" from her Mother Jeannette (played by Emily Slazer) and her much older, mentally unstable husband Clint (played by Andrew Wood).

The play is based on an actual murder case of Al Neelley, and his wife Judith Neelley that took place from 1979-1982. As they roamed the tri-state area of Georgia, Tennessee, and Alabama, the couple, in 1982 was accused of abducting Lisa Millican from a shopping mall and for several days molested her and injected her skin with drain cleaner as the couple's children looked on. The couple eventually was caught after having disposed of the body; Al Neelley quickly accused his wife but did not get away clean. Al Neelley died while under operation as he served time, while his wife Judith escaped getting the death penalty. While the play is based off of this real life occurrence, there is so much in store to be seen in The Glory of Living.

Critics have reviewed The Glory of Living and have this to say about it:

"What can one say? Except

that plays don't come much tougher, or more compassionate, than 33-year-old American Rebecca Gillman's The Glory of Living" – Michael Billington, The Guardian.

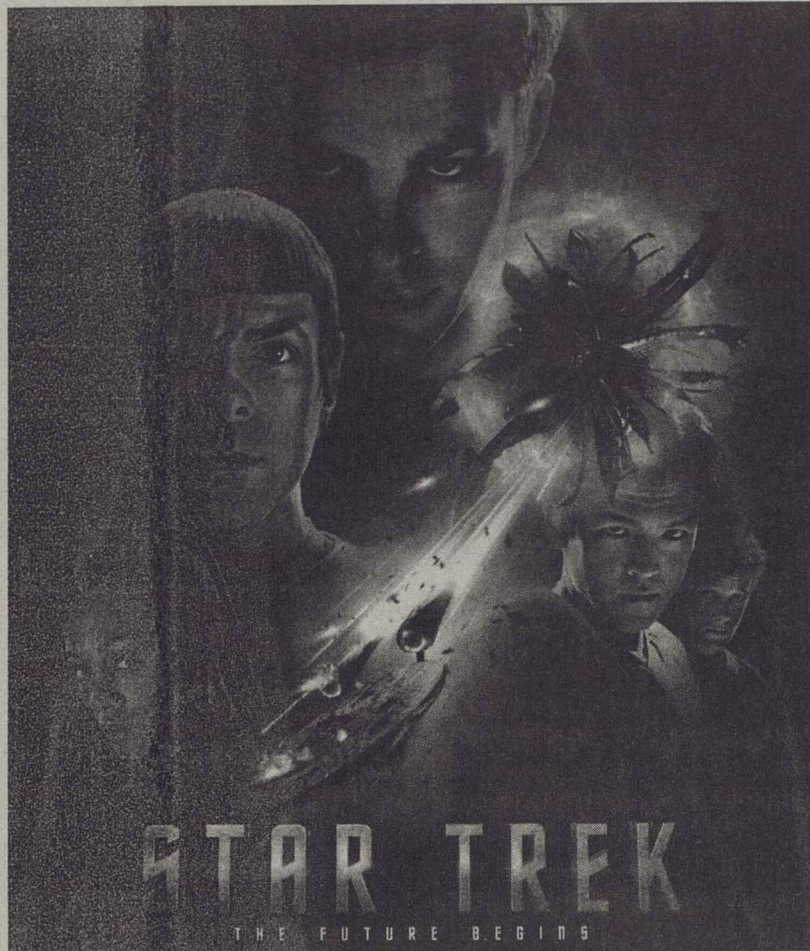
"Welcome to Badlands II, where another young couple leave a trail of corpses in their erotic wake. Glory offers the same blank-eyes, non judgmental stare as Terrence Malick's film. Though Gilman's low-rent details can be damning, she never inflicts them." Charles McNulty, The Village Voice.

The performance will run from September 30 to October 8. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night performances will be at 8:00 p.m. with one matinee Sunday, October 2nd at 2:00 p.m. Seating is limited, so call the box office at (318) 869-5242 to reserve your tickets today! For more information on the rest of our exciting season please visit our website at www.centenary.edu/playhouse.

Please note that this production has been rated R due to language and suggestive content.

Audience members must be 15 or older to attend this performance unless accompanied by a

“Conclave” set to begin showing movies every weekend



Steven Finley
Sports Editor

Conclave is a science fiction and fantasy organization at Centenary College of Louisiana. It is still in its infancy, as it was started just last year. This organization was the sponsor of a masquerade speed dating event as well as daily showings of anime, science fiction, and fantasy television shows all last year.

This year, Conclave plans on bringing back those showings, but doing it a little differently this time around. Conclave this year will host mostly movies at the start and these movies will only be shown on Saturdays at noon in the SUB. Each movie shall be preselected and they will vary each week. One week will be a science fiction movie, then the next week maybe a fantasy movie, and the following maybe an anime movie. The first movie to be showed will be “Star Trek” (2009) on September 17.

After this weekend, Conclave has also planned out what it will be showing the weekend after that. On September 24,

the classic anime movie, “Howl’s Moving Castle” will be screened.

Currently Conclave is under the leadership of Peter Decuir. He is the currently presides over all of Conclave’s doings and aside from the movie showings being shown weekly there are many events that Conclave plans to put on this semester. One such thing is the playing of Dungeons & Dragons. There are several campaigns that have been started up thus far and most of them have filled up, though for people who are interested there are still slots available to those who wish to join. Conclave is also in the works to hold a few fundraisers this semester. They have yet to be decided on but keep on the lookout for them in the coming semester.

Conclave is still small but is slowly growing. Decuir hopes that as the year goes on, interest in Conclave will grow and that the organization will continue to expand. Until then, Conclave welcomes anybody who enjoys science fiction and fantasy to come and check them out.

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| 3. Wu Lyf-Go Tell Fire To The Mountain | 14. Sleeping in the Aviary-You and Me, Ghost |
| 4. Collections of Colonies of Bees-GIVING | 15. Tinariwen-Tassili |
| 5. Fruit Bats-Tripper | 16. Theophilus London-Timez Are Weird These Days |
| 6. Jacuzzi Boys-Glazin' | 17. Family of the Year-St. Croix |
| 7. Cymbals Eat Guitars-Lenses Alien | 18. Prophets and Kings-Prophets and Kings |
| 8. Blasted Canyons-#1 | 19. Guitar-It's Sweet to Do Nothing |
| 9. Blood Orange-Coastal Grooves | 20. Graham Knox Frazier-Moments of Zen |
| 10. Washed Out-Within and Without | |
| 11. Cerebral Ballzy-Cerebral Ballzy | |

Centenary Book Bazaar a success once again

Adams Stephens
Staff Writer

The Gold Dome was the hub of excitement at Centenary on September 9 and 10 when the 25th annual Book Bazaar was held by the Centenary Muses, inviting the public to support the campus as well as find numerous books for very low prices.

Considering that the event took place over two days, the results of the Bazaar are nothing short of impressive; over \$52,000 was raised for use in student organizations, and out of the 80,000 books stocked for the event, a majority was reported as sold. Additionally, the silent auction managed to fetch a fair amount of funds, thanks in no small part to the rarity of the items offered, including an vintage copy of “The Hobbit” by J.R.R. Tolkien (which was sold for \$200) and vintage records of the likes of The Beatles and Elvis.

Although attendance to this Bazaar was reportedly a bit lighter than normal, support from the Centenary community was by no means significantly diminished.

“This year, we had more student volunteers than ever before...for some it was their second or third year volunteering,” said David Williams, Associate



Courtesy of Centenary Picasso

Manager of Advancement Services and liaison to the Centenary Muses. “Groups such as the choir and the swim team, among others, helped with the Bazaar. I think it shows the quality of students we have...who take the time out of their weekend to help raise money for the school.”

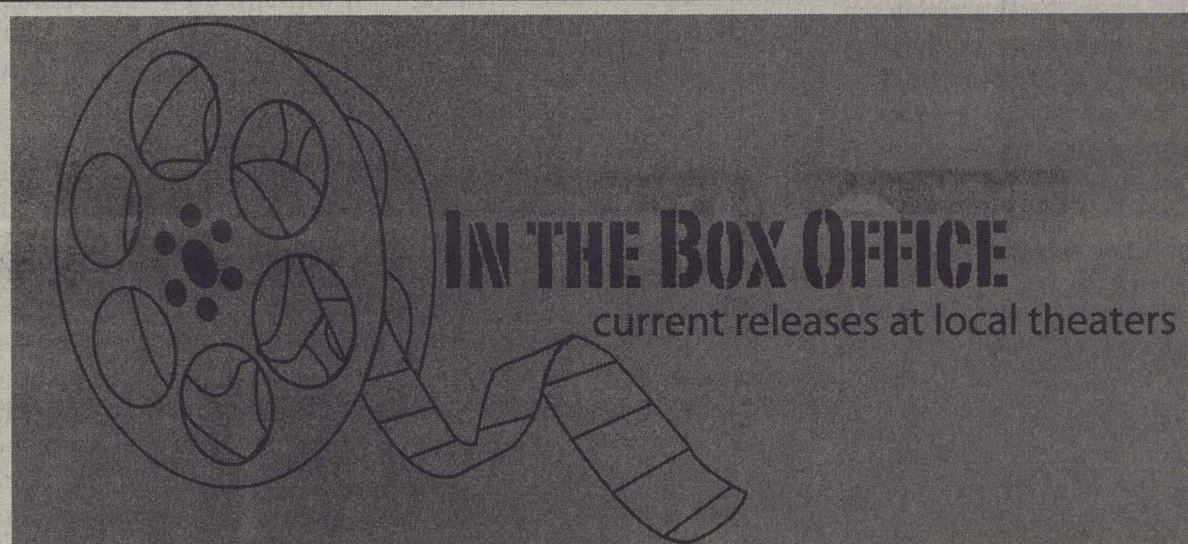
The crowds were certainly satisfied; book-lovers of all ages were drawn to the Bazaar. It was not uncommon to see a person carrying stacks and boxes of books to the cashier. Sights such as these were what kept the Muses upbeat throughout the event.

“The best part of the Bazaar is helping someone find a book they’re looking for,” said Muse Patricia Leath, who has worked on the Bazaar for the past ten

years. “Because we don’t have the books catalogued, we can’t tell for sure if we have something. So when someone comes looking for a book, we direct them to the proper section, and if they come back saying ‘I found it!’... that’s a very gratifying feeling.”

The Muses work all year long preparing for the Bazaar; no small feat for a group of mostly retired ladies.

“I am always amazed that the muses put this huge event together every year,” says Williams. “It takes a lot of dedication... although we always wish we could raise more money, it’s amazing that they raise this much from a two day event. It just shows how dedicated they are to the mission of Centenary.”



In theaters this weekend:

Drive
I Don't Know How She Does It
The Lion King 3D
The Lion King
Straw Dogs
Contagion: The IMAX Experience
Contagion
Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star
Warrior
Shark Night
Shark Night 3D
Columbiana
Don't Be Afraid of the Dark
Final Destination 5 3D
The Help
Rise of the Planet of the Apes
The Smurfs

Now Playing and Coming Soon at The Robinson Film Center:

Project Nim
The Guard
Sarah's Key

Centenary Film Society kicks off a new year

Krista McKinney
Contributing Writer

Centenary Film Society is an organization that hosts weekly screenings at Robinson Film Center for students and the community. The mission of the Film Society is to exhibit international, independent, and Hollywood films that may otherwise not be available to students.

The weekly films exhibited

by the Film Society are free for students. But Film Society doesn't stop there. If you, a Centenary student, go see any film at the Robinson Film Center on any day, just present your student ID when buying your ticket, and the Film Society will cover the charges for you. Please take advantage of this opportunity and see as many great films as possible!

The Centenary Film Society screenings are held

weekly on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. starting September 27 at the Robinson Film Center. As of date, the official schedule is being finalized, but check your inbox for a global email from Dr. Hendricks containing the schedule for this semester. We will also occasionally have special gatherings on campus throughout the week. To stay informed about such events, email kmckinney@my.centenary.edu.

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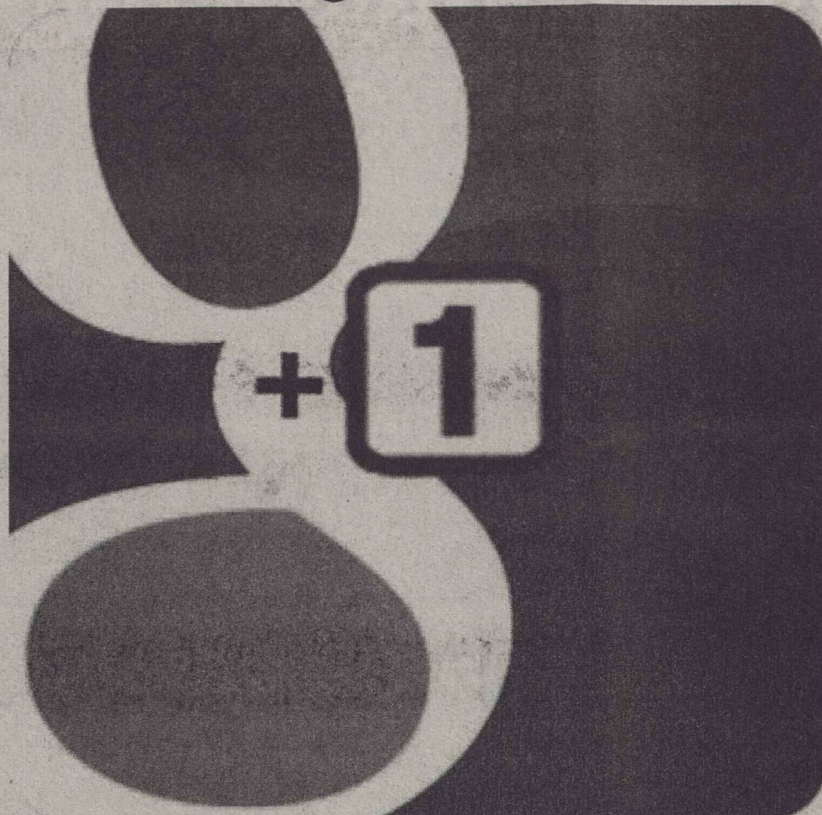
Tech News: Is Google+ a Plus?

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Marquette Laforest
Staff Writers

Near the end of this past summer, the tech community was ablaze with articles about a new social networking site known as Google+. While it is still in the testing phases, many people began adopting Google+ accounts and checking out what all the hype was about.

In an article by Business Insider, Google+ is explained as "basically an amalgamation of several services we already use. The idea, according to Google, is to do them better." Google+ uses a similar news feed layout that Facebook has and allows users to post statuses, photos, videos, and links to articles and other web sites. People can also comment and "+1" a status, which is similar to "liking" a status on Facebook.

A main draw of Google+ is how contacts are managed. Google+ offers its users groups in which to organize friends and contacts and colleagues. Google+ calls these groups "circles." Users can place contacts in multiple, overlapping circles. For example, a user could have circles based on geographic location, work colleagues, classmates, or family. Then when the user shares a link, he or she can specify which individual circles to share the link with, excluding



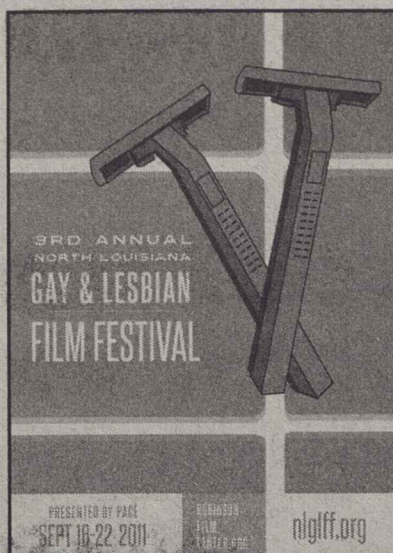
other circles. This functionality has actually been built into Facebook for quite some time in the form of friend lists. The difference being that Google+ makes it much easier and simpler to manage circles, with an emphasis on a tactile feel and distinct visual cues.

Google+ beat Facebook to the punch over the summer when it launched with both group chats and group video chats. Another feature Google+ provides is "sparks" or a way to bring content to a user based on his or her interests. Of course, Google+ is

offering mobile support, so users can use it from their phones with or without OS-native apps.

Overall, Google+ has had mixed reviews ranging from excellent, to being just another social networking site. Again, it's still in the testing stage and the only way people can obtain one now is if a friend sends an invite to their email address. It has potential to be big and it will be interesting to see how it changes and develops as well as how it influences other social networking sites.

PACE festival returns to Robinson Film Center



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Copy Editor

Mark your calendars for the third annual "North Louisiana Gay and Lesbian Film Festival" at the Robinson Film Center, September 16-22!

This event is put on by People Acting for Change and Equality, or PACE. PACE Louisiana is a non-profit organization that works toward completing and ensuring equality for all people.

For the past three years, PACE has put together the North Louisiana Gay and Lesbian Film Festival for anyone and everyone to come out to the Robinson Film Center and watch some great films pertaining to the lives and trials of those in the LGBT community. This is a great chance to see some heart-warming, eye-opening, and often hilarious films about an all-too-relevant

social issue that you may not have thought too much about.

Every year at the festival there is a guest speaker, usually from one of the films, who comes and does a Q&A panel following a screening. PACE has chosen Bruce Vilanch to be the guest for this year! Bruce Vilanch is an Emmy Award-winning writer, actor, and comedian. You might recognize him for his four-year spot on "Hollywood Squares". He also starred as "Edna Turnblat" from *Hairspray on Broadway*. Bruce will be at the Robinson Film Center on Friday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m. (opening night), mingling among the film-goers. He is also doing a question-and-answer panel following the film, "Get Bruce", a comedy in honor of Bruce Vilanch. This opening film will have appearances from several of Bruce's fellow comedians including Billy Crystal and Whoopi Goldberg.

Other films being shown throughout the week include *Undertow*, *Wish Me Away*, *Hollywood to Dollywood*, *Leave it on the Floor*, *Gen Silent*, and *Thy Will be Done*. A collection of short films relevant to the LGBT community will end the festival on Thursday, September 22.

All tickets and show times can be obtained from the Robinson Film Center via their location at 617 Texas Street in downtown Shreveport, or their website, www.robinsonfilmcenter.org.

The Old & New: Fall 2011 Television



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Every year, television networks add new shows to their line-up, as well as renew and remove some. We are now entering the 2011-2012 television season and it's make it or break it for all of these new programs. Most new shows do not make it past a few episodes depending on ratings. Some shows air for several years and then end unexpectedly. ABC, NBC, CBS, as well as many other networks, have many shows that are new to television, returning, and some that are being cancelled.

A few new shows to television this season have high potential, and some do not seem up to par. However, no one knows their fate until the ratings come in. First, we'll start with what could be considered the bad news. From CBS, the shows "Medium," "Criminal Minds: Suspect Behavior," and "\$#! My Dad Says," as well as a few others has been cancelled. Cancelled from ABC, "Brothers and Sisters," "My Generation," "Mr. Sunshine," and "Off the Map." NBC's cancelled shows are "Outsourced," "Law & Order: Los Angeles," and "Perfect Couples."

Each station has long list of

renewed shows from their previous line-ups. NBC has renewed shows such as "The Office," "Law & Order: SVU," "Parenthood," "The Biggest Loser," and "30 Rock" (which will be returning as a mid-season replacement due to Tina Fey's pregnancy). CBS will be bringing back "How I Met Your Mother," "The Amazing Race," "CSI," and "Two and a Half Men" (with Ashton Kutcher replacing Charlie Sheen). ABC's fall renewals include "Cougar Town," "Grey's Anatomy," "Modern Family," and "Desperate Housewives" (which will air its final season).

Several new shows will be premiering this season, all fighting for permanent spots on their respected network. NBC will be premiering shows like "Are You There, Vodka? It's Me, Chelsea," a show based on the best-selling book by comedian Chelsea Handler. The show will star Lauren Prepon in the titular role, and will feature Handler in a recurring role as Prepon's sister. The show is set to premiere mid-season. Also premiering on NBC will be "The Playboy Club," a provocative new drama about a time and place that challenged the social mores, where a visionary entrepreneur created an empire and an icon changed American

culture. One particular show premiering on ABC is a blast from the past. A reboot of a 1976 hit series, "Charlie's Angels." Premiering September 22 and set in Miami, this action-packed take on the hit series introduces us to three new angels; Abby (Rachel Taylor), an ex-thief; Kate (Annie Ilonze), an ex-cop; and Gloria, a disgraced army lieutenant. When one of the Angels' missions ends in Gloria's tragic death, Charlie persuades them to partner with Gloria's childhood friend, Eve (Minka Kelly), a street racer. Other shows that will be premiering are "2 Broke Girls" (CBS), "A Gifted Man" (CBS), "Alcatraz" (FOX), "Allen Gregory" (FOX), "American Horror Story" (FX), "Apartment 23" (ABC), "Awake" (NBC), "Bent" (NBC), "Best Friends Forever" (NBC), "Free Agents" (NBC), "Good Christian Belles" (ABC), and "Pan Am" (ABC), as well as many more.

As each show premieres this season, their fates will be decided by the ratings they receive. Check out all the shows and see all of their potential. As always, some will be great and some will be lacking. Just hope that the one you fall in love with isn't at risk to be on next season's chopping block.

CLC holds fundraiser to assist students with cost of mission trips

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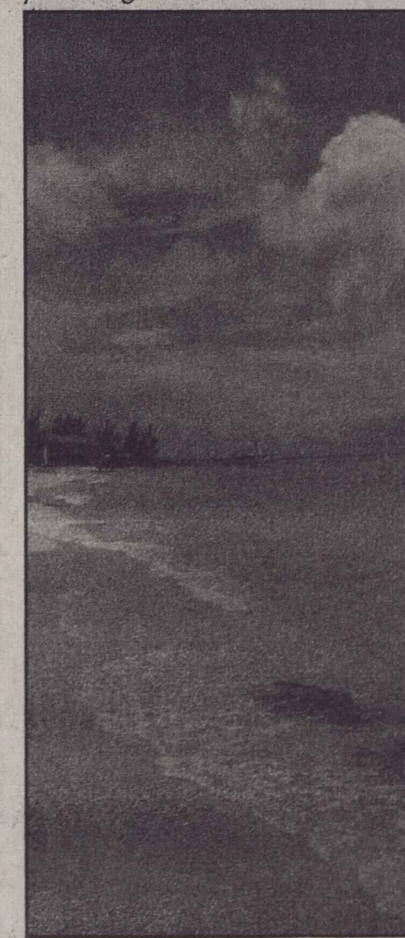
On September 6, 2011, The Christian Leadership Center of Centenary College held their first meeting of the semester to discuss possible fundraiser topics. The Christian Leadership Center goes on two mission trips throughout the school year. They will be taking one to New Orleans during this year's fall break, and one in the spring during Mardi-Gras break to the Bahamas. Admission to the Bahamas will be \$1,800 dollars and the first payment is coming up on September 15th. Admission to the New Orleans trip is \$200.

During the meeting, CLC members were handed out discount cards from Dominos to sell among the community for \$10 each and \$8 of the \$10 will go directly to the student in helping raise their funds to pay. Among this, other fundraisers were planned for the fall semester such as a mystery murder dinner theater, Raising Canes cards, and cooking a lunch meal for the CLC advisory board.

Students interested in going on the New Orleans trip, will be heading down to local neighborhoods and will help remodel homes and help clean up certain areas in the community. On the Bahamas mission trip, CLC will be heading to a non-touristic area of the Bahamas and will be helping construct homes for locals in the area. During the trip, students will get a chance to encounter and interact with

the locals and experience their culture.

Most of the students who were interested in the mission trips participated in the annual fundraiser held during the summer. Students that are interested in joining the mission trips are welcome to pick up some dominoes cards and begin raising funds! If you are interested in buying a Dominoes card go down to the Student Life Office (SLO) and visit with Laura Vaughn to find out which students are selling them, or shoot her an e-mail, at lvaughn@centenary.edu, to find out how you can get involved with CLC.



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Fitness Center Offering New Group Fitness Classes



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Staff Writer

The Centenary College of Louisiana fitness center has expanded their group fitness class offerings. "We are offering a variety of classes to cater to a variety of abilities," said Brian Williams, Fitness Coordinator and lecturer of Health & Exercise Science at Centenary College of Louisiana.

One of the new classes being offered is Turbo Kick*. "This is the first time for Turbo Kick* on campus, and the instructor is a staff member at Centenary," said Williams.

Nicole Deese, Director of Re-enrollment at Centenary College of Louisiana, teaches the class. "Turbo Kick* is a combination of simple dance moves and

kickboxing set to dance music. It is great cardio and strength training, but it is fun, so it doesn't feel like a workout." She encourages all fitness levels to come to the class and can modify the intensity of the workout to meet the needs of all fitness levels. "If someone wants a more intense workout there are jumps that can be added, and if someone needs a lower intensity workout there are other modifications that can be made," said Deese.

Junior Ashley Twyman, a participant in the class, said, "(I) really liked it, it was a lot of fun, and the instructor was super high-energy and intense."

Anyone with access to the fitness center (Centenary students, staff/faculty, and fitness members) can attend group fit-

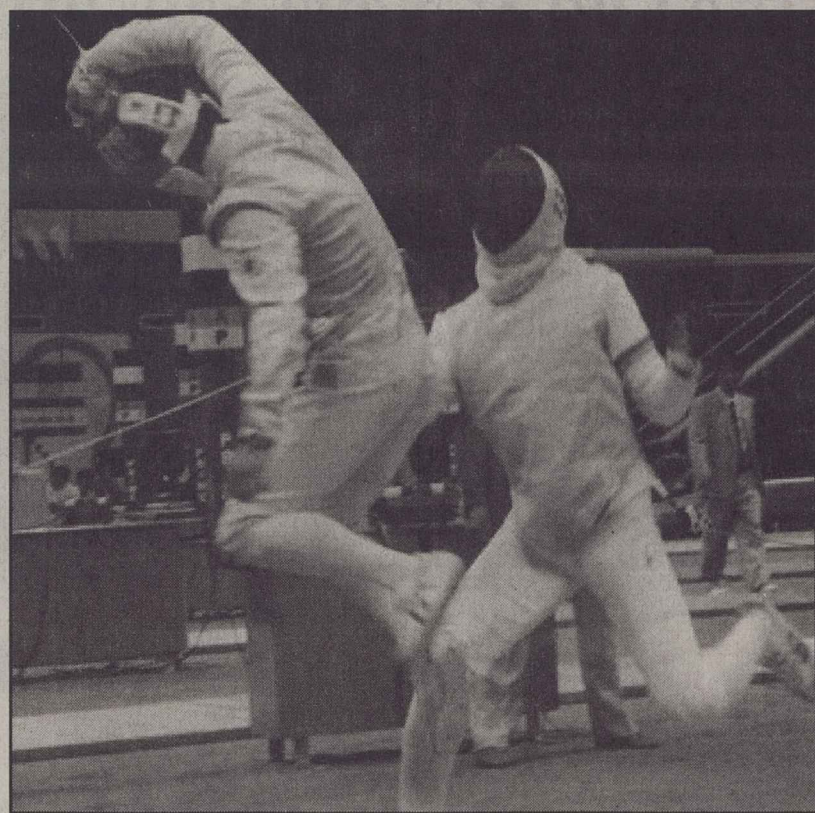
ness center classes for free. Turbo Kick* is offered Monday mornings from 6-7 am, and Thursday evenings from 5:45-6:45.

A complete fall 2011 group fitness center class schedule is available at the fitness center front desk or online at Centenary College of Louisiana Fitness Center webpage.

For more information about Turbo Kick*, any of the other group fitness classes, or gaining access to the fitness center, contact the Centenary College of Louisiana Fitness Center at (318) 869-5060.

"En Garde!"

Centenary Fencing



Jacob Robison
Staff Writer

When one enters the doors of Fairfield Avenue School of Fencing, he or she will first see the myriad of fencing paraphernalia scattered across the walls and rooms. What might be encountered next is the clashing of blades and then the shuffle of feet. These sensual experiences are welcoming to some but, to others, entirely foreign. You've most likely seen some form of fencing in a movie where two brave men fiercely fight to death with wild swings of swords and the fanciest of footwork. But this, as almost any true fencer will tell you, is generally inaccurate.

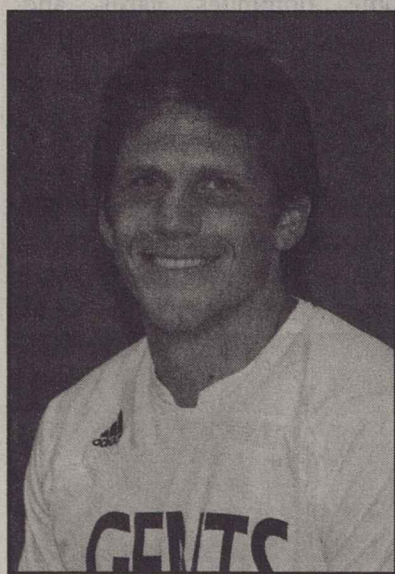
True fencing is not quite as theatrical and, to a general audience, may seem duller than some other sports. To fully enjoy the spectacle of fencing, one must first walk, or possibly lunge, in the fencer's shoes. Andy Shaw, the owner of Fairfield Fencing and the official historian for the US Fencing Association, gives Centenary students this opportunity.

A beginner fencing class is available to any Centenary student during the first semester of the year and takes place on Tues-

days and Thursdays from 2:00pm to 3:15pm at the Fairfield Fencing studio located on 1413 Fairfield Avenue. The beginner class is replaced by an intermediate class during the second semester and is available during the same times at the same location. These classes, taught by Andy, are a great place to start for anyone interested in fencing or even someone with some experience in fencing who simply wishes to become more involved with it.

As mentioned before, Andy is the owner of the Fencing studio and is also the head coach there. Fencing since he was eight years old, founding Atlanta's first fencing club in 1974, running the Westside Fencing Center for 13 years, and holding the highest rating for fencing given domestically for nine consecutive years, Andy has plenty of qualification under his belt.

For anyone interested in learning more, simply go to fencingonfairfield.com where you can read about other classes and private lessons offered, Andy and other coaches who work with him, and even the Museum of American Fencing located throughout the studio itself.

Athlete of the Week:
Ben Barcelona

Steven Finley
Sports Editor

Sport - Soccer
Classification - Senior
Position - Forward
Hometown - Bossier City, Louisiana
Major - Mathematics
Favorite Color - Blue
Favorite Sports Team - FC Barcelona
Favorite Restaurant - Copeland's Cheesecake Bistro
Favorite Musical Artist - John Mayer
Favorite TV Show - House
Favorite Movie - The Dark Knight
Hobbies - When not playing

soccer, I enjoy sleeping, playing Xbox, and hanging out with teammates.

Plans After Graduation - Enrolling into LSU to obtain a Master's Degree in Mathematics and to study for the Actuarial Exams.

People you look p to - Jesus, my parents, and my brothers.

When did you start playing and why? - I began playing soccer when I was 4. Both of my older brothers had been playing for a few years, and I wanted to do everything that they did, so I began playing too.

What goes through your head as you prepare for a game? - I try to calm any nerves, and make myself believe that when I'm out there playing, no one can stop me. I try to be as confident as possible when walking onto the field.

What is your most memorable moment in your career? - My most memorable moment would have to be recently, when I scored the game-tying goal at Austin College. Not only was it a crucial goal, but it was probably one of the best goals that I have ever scored.

What is your least favorite and most favorite thing about your sport? - My least favorite thing would be the amount of physical

fitness that you must put forth in order to become successful, but the work is well worth it. My most favorite thing is that no matter how long you play the game, there is always something new to learn, and it always makes you a better player/coach. If you could sum up your life in one song, which would it be? - Successful by Drake

What advice would you give younger athletes in your sport? - Pay attention to the small details when practicing and preparing. Those little things are what can make or break games. Also, always give 100%. Don't ever let someone say that you didn't give your all. There's no substitute for hard work.

Name three things you own that describe you? - Soccer cleats, Iphone/Ipod, Houston Rockets 1995 NBA Championship hat. What is your most overused word or phrase? - "You just can't do that."

High school academic accomplishments, rewards, or honors societies? - Top 10% in graduating class, BETA Club, National Honors Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and Homecoming King. High school sports accomplishments, rewards, placements? - 3 time All-District 1st team, 2 time All-District Overall MVP, 3 time All-City 1st team, 2 time All-State 1st team, Record for most goals scored in a career - 99.

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NFL unlocks season on 10th anniversary of 9/11

Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

After much anticipation most of the summer about whether there would be a National Football League season due to a lockout, teams kicked off last weekend for week 1 of the 2011-2012 season. The season kicked off in grand fashion too as the previous two Super-Bowl champs faced off, the New Orleans Saints and Green Bay Packers.

The Packers, SuperBowl champs last year, opened at home and got the season off with a bang. Aaron Rodgers picked up right where he left off and Green Bay had the offense rolling for 42 points on the game. However, the Saints countered with their potent offense and hung in the game. It even came down to a failed, running play up the middle a couple yards from the end zone as time expired. This game was highly competitive and was a great way to start off the year.

On Sunday, the ten year anniversary of the September 11th attacks, all

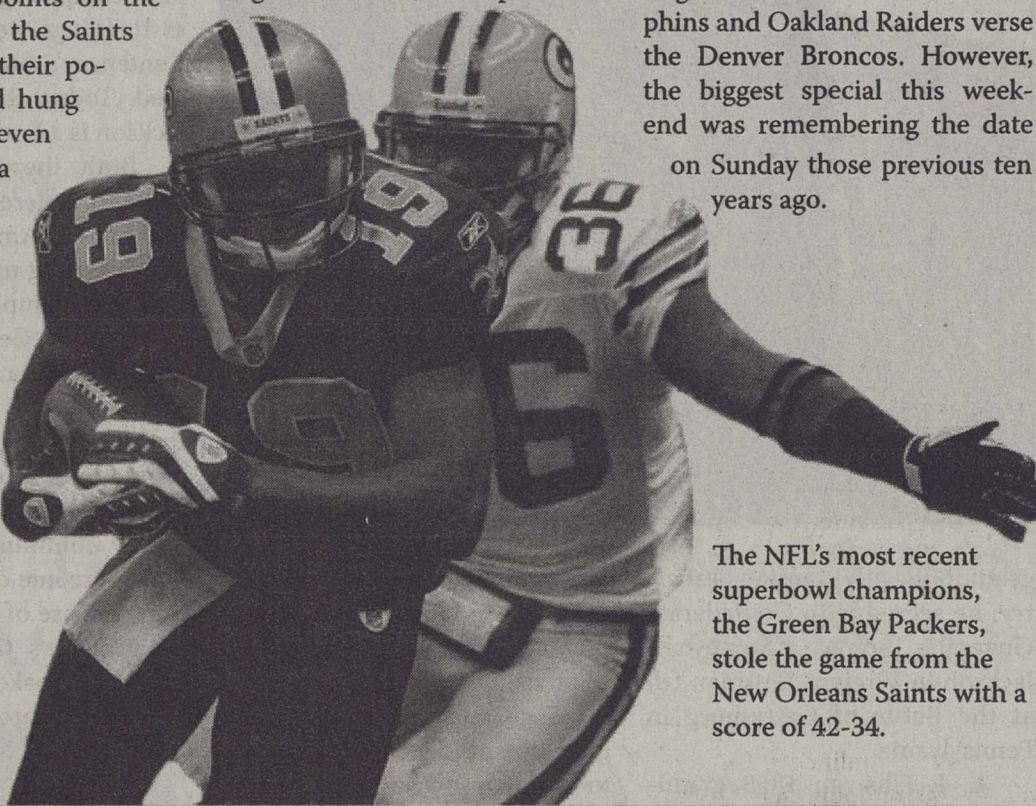
the teams paid tribute to their country, as well as the television ads. It was blowout city for some teams that saw the playoffs last year. The other SuperBowl team, Pittsburgh Steelers, got routed by rival the Baltimore Ravens and the Indianapolis Colts lost to the Houston Texans 34-7. The Colts were without QB Payton Manning due to injury.

The New York Giants battled in an intense game with the Washington Redskins. However, a strong second half for the Redskins proved to be the difference in a 28-14 victory. The other New York team seemed to be heading to the lost column as well against the Dallas Cowboys Sunday Night. However, a 17 point 4th

quarter sparked the Jets to zoom to a comeback 27-24 victory. The Arizona Cardinals also used a big 4th quarter to top the Carolina Panthers 28-21, while the San Diego Chargers rallied in the 4th over the Minnesota Vikings 24-17. The Chicago Bears had a nice home opener by taking care of the Atlanta Falcons 30 to 12.

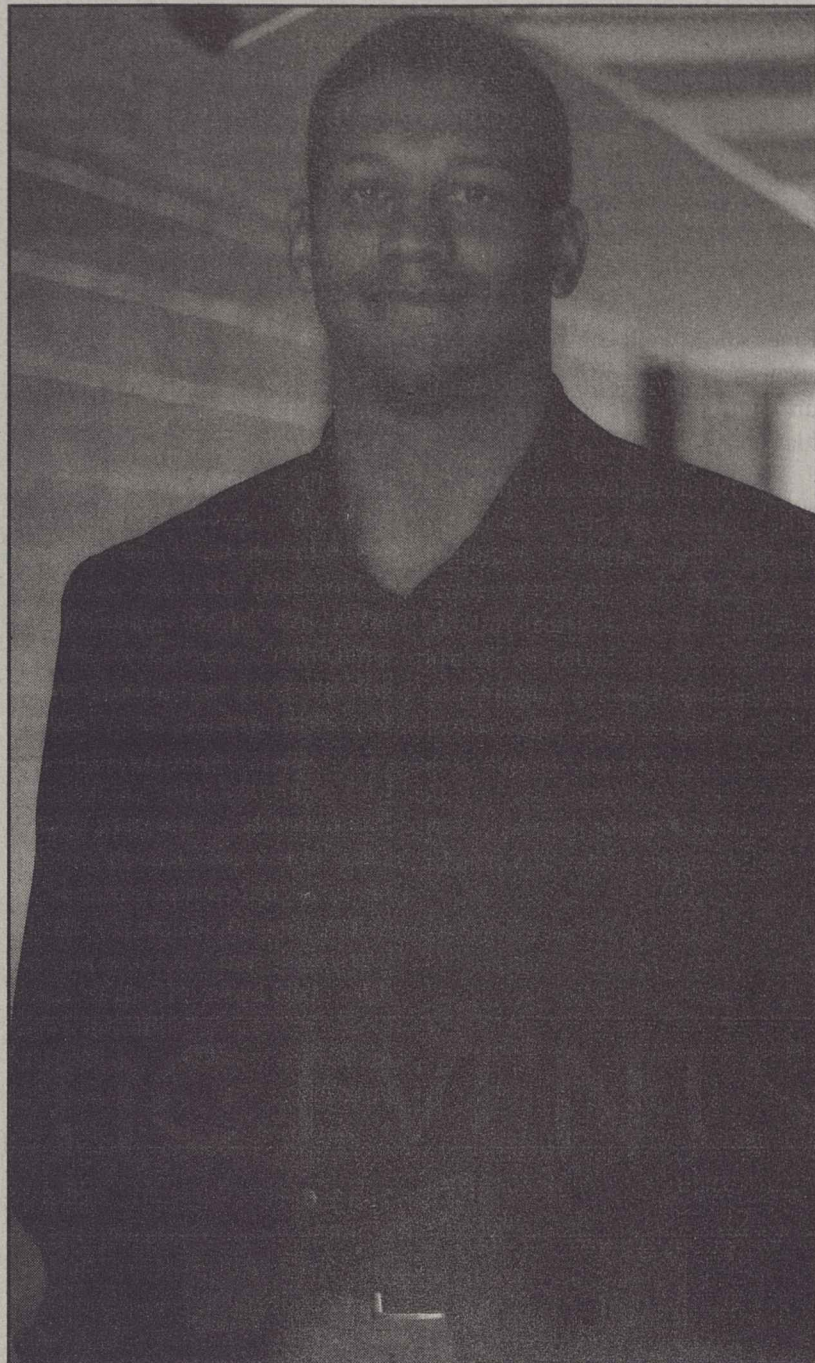
Wrapping up the scoreboard on Sunday was the Jaguars over the Titans 16-14 in a nail-biter of a game. The Lions topped the Buccaneers 27-20, San Francisco 49ers beat the Seattle Seahawks 33-17, and the Eagles blew out the Rams 31-13.

A special double header took place Monday featuring the New England Patriots and Miami Dolphins and Oakland Raiders verse the Denver Broncos. However, the biggest special this weekend was remembering the date on Sunday those previous ten years ago.



The NFL's most recent superbowl champions, the Green Bay Packers, stole the game from the New Orleans Saints with a score of 42-34.

Centenary welcomes William Broussard, our Intercollegiate Athletic Director



New intercollegiate Athletic director, William Broussard

Jordan Pope/ Photographer

Steven Finley
Sports Editor

Starting this semester Centenary College of Louisiana welcomes William Broussard as the new Athletic Director. Dr. Broussard comes into the position of Athletic Director during the very first semester that Centenary is officially competing in Division III athletics in the American Southwestern Conference.

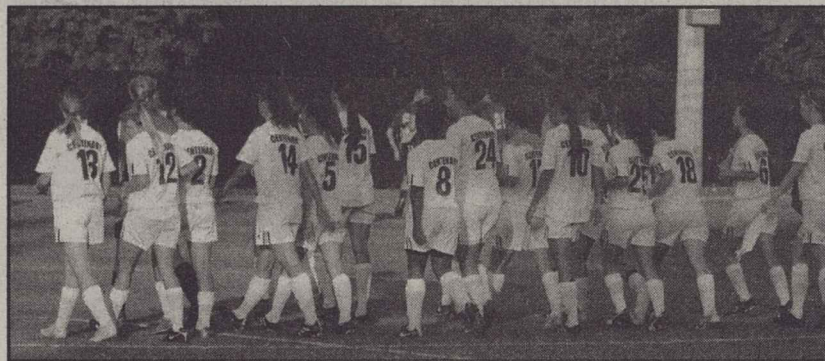
William Broussard is a native of Louisiana who attended Louisiana Scholars College. He then went on to the University of Arizona where he taught English and was involved with internal affairs, athletics, and student life while there. While at the University of Arizona he also taught at a small local Community College in the area. Then in 2007, he became the Associate Athletic Director at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana. While there he concurrently worked as an assistant professor in the journalism department as well as the language and communication department. Dr. Broussard was also very active in the community while at Northwestern State University. He served on the Executive Board of the Boys and Girls Club

and is also a former president of the Natchitoches Lions Club. During his time at Northwestern while involved with all this he provided oversight for all the areas of athletic fundraising and external relations. He actually broke university records for attainment, annual fund, and corporate sponsorships. He even worked with several sports. This involved managing football games as well as schedules and contracts.

Now as the new Athletic Director here at Centenary College his job is to provide oversight of the 16 different sports on campus. He will also be working with Student Life to coordinate the college's intercollegiate programs.

Dr. Broussard chose Centenary for its "balance of student life, academic life, and athletics." His goals for the Athletics Department aside from winning more games and recruiting more athletes are to "Continue to grow with the mission of the college." Dr. Broussard hopes to also recruit active alumni to aid the college and encourages them as well as the current students to come out to as many events as possible.

Ladies Soccer Struggles through Challenging Week



Ellen Orr
Staff Writer

The Centenary Ladies Soccer team encountered two tough games last week, both of which resulted in losses.

On Wednesday, the Ladies faced Division I team University of Louisiana at Monroe at Mayo Field. ULM found the back of the net three times in the first half of the game. However, once halftime arrived, the Centenary Ladies knew that they had a chance, despite the scoreboard. As a result of this attitude and brilliant coaching advice from head coach Glenn Evans and assistant coach Justin Neise, the Ladies' offense outshot the ULM Warhawks. The defense

also persevered, with our back four holding strong. However, only two goals were scored - by freshman Carly Slovensky (assisted by junior Holden Penney) and Penney (on a one-on-one battle with the keeper) - and as the final buzzer sounded, the scoreboard showed 3-2, favoring the visitor.

The Ladies held their heads high, taking Coach Evans' advice to "be proud of the effort but not the result," and on Saturday morning, the team loaded onto a bus for the six-hour drive to Tahlequah, Oklahoma to face Northeastern State University, a Division II team. With "bus stiffness" still in their legs, the Ladies prepared to play a 90-minute match on a tiny and

unkempt field. After getting down 5-0 at halftime, the team was unable to pull it together, and allowed the Riverhawks to score an additional four goals in the second half.

Despite suffering two very different losses last week, the team is looking forward to a busy week of wins.

Monday, September 12, they played LSU-Shreveport at Mayo Field at 5:00 p.m. for the first annual Mayor's Cup, which benefits March of Dimes. There were hot dogs and hamburgers being grilled, as well as a lively atmosphere for all Shreveport-Bossier area soccer fans. All proceeds from food purchases and voluntary donations were given to the local March of Dimes chapter. During the game, the Ladies unfortunately game up short, losing 2-3 to LSUS.

This upcoming weekend they also play at home, both Friday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. against Schriener, and Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. against Texas Lutheran College.

If you're unable to attend any games, a live scoreboard can be found on the GoCentenary website, on the Ladies Soccer page. Senior Candace Rushing's blog and video updates can be also found on the page.

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

September 12	September 15	September 16	September 17	September 20	September 22
Soccer Women's Sept. 12 Texas Lutheran Mayo Field 2:00pm	Soccer Women's Sept. 16 Schreiner University Mayo Field 2:00pm	Volleyball Sept. 16 Mary Hardin Baylor Belton, TX 7:00pm	Soccer Men's Sept. 16 Schreiner University Mayo Field 4:00pm	Cross Country Women's Sept. 17 Louisiana Tech Ruston, LA 9:45am	Soccer Women's Sept. 22 Louisiana College Pineville, LA 5:00pm
		Golf: Men's, Sept. 16-17, Darrel Foreman Classic (Delta State) @ Cleveland, MS, 8:00am	Soccer Men's Sept. 17 Texas Lutheran Mayo Field 4:00pm	Volleyball Sept. 20 ETBU Marshall, TX 7:00pm	Soccer Men's Sept. 22 Louisiana College Pineville, LA 7:00pm
	Tennis: Men's and Women's, Sept. 15-17, ASC Individuals @ Abilene, TX. All day		Cross Country Men's Sept. 17 Louisiana Tech Ruston, LA 9:00am	Volleyball Sept. 17 Univ. of New Orleans Gold Dome 4:00pm	

VIEWPOINTS

“The Darkest Days Are Now Upon Us”: Centenary’s role in the American Civil War

Zac Cowser
Staff Writer

As most of us know, Centenary prides itself on its long and storied history. Founded in 1825, it is the oldest liberal arts college west of the Mississippi River and...well, that’s about the sum of most of our knowledge on Centenary’s long and storied history.

In college, the simple necessities of academic and social life take over. We focus on classes and studying, friends and dating, sports and games, perhaps a little partying here and there. There isn’t much spare time for individual pursuits, and our knowledge of our college, community, and its history remains superficial.

While I perfectly understand how time-consuming collegiate life can be, I have found that having a deeper knowledge of Centenary’s past has enriched my experience here. Centenary seems to have a little more gravitas, tradition, and pride when you begin to learn the stories of her faded past.

In the first of a series of articles that will focus on various aspects of forgotten Centenary, Shreveport, and Louisiana history, I want to explore one of the most tumultuous and deadly times in Centenary’s past—the College’s involvement in the American Civil War.

Throughout 1861, the nation was tearing itself apart, as one by one the Southern states seceded and challenged the legitimacy and permanence of the Federal Union. The crisis culminating in 1861 had been brewing for years and represented the gravest challenge our republic has ever faced.

Yet on the studious, scenic campus of Centenary College of Louisiana in Jackson, the drums of war seemed far off. Centenary College of Louisiana was the result of a merger between Centenary College and the College of Louisiana in 1845. It had a strong academic reputation, an enrollment of approximately 250 annually, and in 1860-61 was focused entirely on its own affairs.

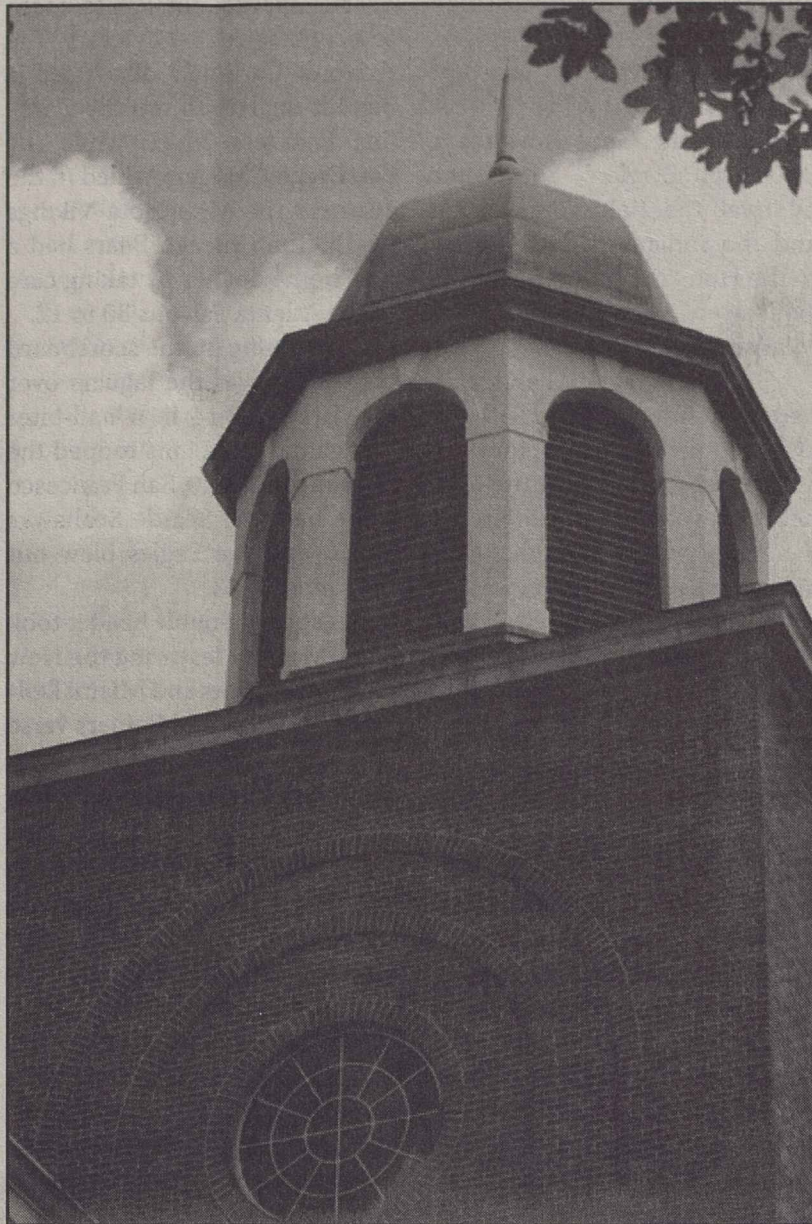
War, however, has a long reach. In November of 1860, students of the College requested the privilege of forming a military company—a request that was granted. It was an ominous request that foreshadowed the violence to come. With the declaration of war in April, 1861 through the firing on Fort Sumter, Centenary students began to disappear into Confederate military service.

The subsistence of the College was in question. On October 7, 1861, the faculty of the College made a decision, recorded succinctly and stunningly by the secretary of the meeting: “Students have all gone to war. College suspended, and God help the right!”

While the College may have shut down, her students served honorably during the conflict on battlefields stretching from Pennsylvania to Texas. In fact, tradition holds that the graduating class of 1860-61 was killed in its entirety, though this cannot be proven.

One such graduating senior was John T. Hilliard. Hailing from New Iberia, Louisiana, John enlisted in the 4th Louisiana Infantry, rising to the rank of captain. He was killed in April 1862 at the Battle of Shiloh.

Leon P. Gusman, a junior from Baton Rouge, was a ser-



geant in the 8th Louisiana Infantry; he served with Confederate General Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson in Virginia. Gusman fell at the Battle of Gettysburg in Pennsylvania.

E. J. Ellis, an 1858 graduate of Centenary College and captain in the 16th Louisiana Infantry, wrote home to his father in the spring of 1862 that, “I could...almost dream that I was at home again and that there was no war. But the drum call or bugle note will break the spell and

bring back the harsh stern reality of civil war, bloodshed and misery...The darkest days are now upon us.”

For Centenary students and graduates, indeed, for all young men North and South during the 1860s, the Civil War would prove to be a defining and scarring experience, shaping their lives and transforming genteel students into hardened soldiers.

The war didn’t just transform young men, it also transformed the landscape—Centenary in-

cluded. Jackson, Louisiana lay just east of the Mississippi River and was not far from the scene of one of Louisiana’s most terrible battles.

Port Hudson was a Confederate bastion on the Mississippi River, and on July 9, 1863 following a 48-day siege wherein the Confederate defenders subsisted on mule and rat meat, Port Hudson surrendered. The long siege of the town and the horrendous physical condition of the participants in the engagement called for medical attention.

First Confederate, then Union forces utilized the Centenary College campus as hospital and headquarters facilities. The campus grounds suffered, as buildings were damaged and Centenary’s fine library was ruined. Today, the old campus in Jackson is a Louisiana state park.

Both the College and her students suffered during the dark years of the American Civil War. Yet reflecting upon this troubled time, one simply recognizes the strength of Centenary College. The bustling campus of today, with students from all around the country and its fine academic reputation, stands as a monument to the ability of the Centenary community to persevere and overcome challenges. Hopefully, a sense of understanding of the College’s trials in previous times will make us optimistic of Centenary’s proud and enduring future.

For more information see *Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War* by James McPherson, *A Burning Touch* and *A Flaming Fire: The Story of Centenary College of Louisiana* by William Hamilton Nelson, and *Centenary College Goes to War in 1861* by Arthur M. Shaw, Jr.

A Million Reasons: Watch What You Say

Hadley Million
Layout Editor

As I was racking my brain for a potential topic that I could speak to all of you ladies and gents about this week, a little birdie told me I should introduce everyone to the idea of watching what they say. In actuality, this “birdie” came in the form of a conversation I happened to overhear about someone doing something with someone else and then someone else telling somebody about that something and then that something turned into a big whatever.

For the returners, this news is potentially old news. But I think it may help with whatever endeavor or gossip someone decides to take on. For the newbs, please take this wise advice. I’d hate for you to have to learn the hard way about Centenary’s amazing gossip mill.

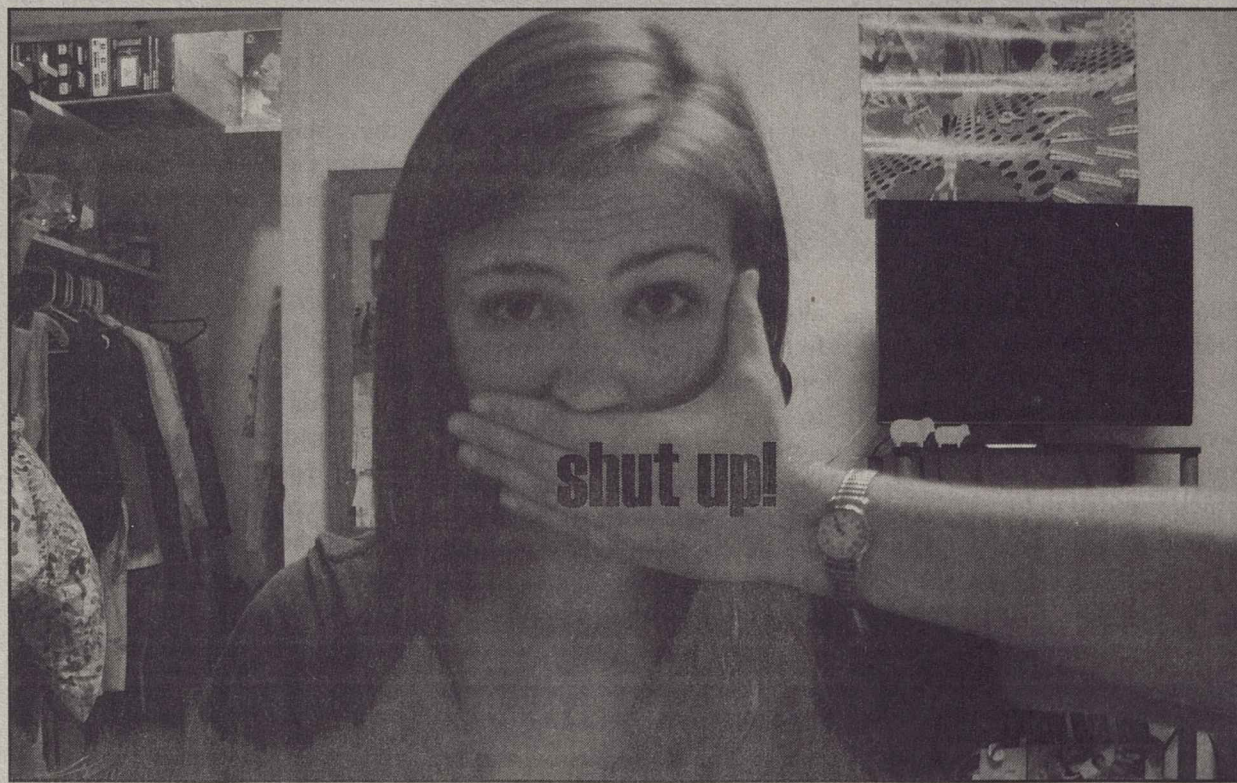
Everyone knows the Golden Rule: Treat people as you would have them treat you. Yeah, yeah, old news right? It seems we’ve forgotten the “treat you” and instead treat people whichever way our fancy flies at any point in time.

I’ve spoken without thinking on multiple occasions. My mom likes to call it “talking when my brain falls out of my mouth”. I can’t count how many times I de-

cide my opinion is the only right opinion present at the time when I decide to claim something is either A) stupid or B) pointless. Yeah, sure, it’s my opinion, and I have a right to it, but I forget to recognize the differing ideas that tend to be around me. To save yourself from hardship I would advise never talking about how stupid a paper in your Southern Lit class is if your teacher is standing two feet away from you. I would also discourage everyone from talking about how crappy the café is while café workers are near.

Another example of “talking when your brain falls out” would be consoling a friend through terms of degrading another. This may sound oddly specific but I think almost everyone, to an extent, has consoled one person by telling them that they’re better than the person that caused the need for consolation. I experienced this my freshman year when my friend was bummed out about some boy that didn’t regard her in the same light as she regarded him. Instead of me serenading her with the chorus to “Too Many Fish in the Sea”, I decided to take a more humorous approach and say: “Whatever, he’d look awkward naked anyway.”

It was a seemingly harmless joke. I thought it was funny



Hadley Million/Conglomerate

because I never really did try to visualize the guy naked; I just wanted to go with something that would be shocking enough to snap her out of her sorrows and make her laugh. Alas though, friend thought it was ok to tell the boy what I said causing me to receive a very long facebook message detailing the ways I had wronged him. Whoops.

Always be aware of those that surround you. When someone tells you they have ovarian cancer do not attempt to break the ice by jokingly saying you have cancer too when you don’t. Trying to relate through humorous terms on these occasions probably isn’t the best approach. You will more than likely receive uncomfortable glances from the people who know you do not

have cancer and teary eyes from those that feel they’ve found a co-sufferer.

One key thing to remember, if you’re in a public area like the frat houses, James Lobby, or the café and you want something to be kept a secret choose your location more wisely. Don’t go to your frat house and complain about your RA when you know for a fact that her floor partner is a brother of that fraternity. If you simply don’t care, I would still suggest conspiring against her in a more private location so she doesn’t know that you’re planning to vandalize her door.

I would also suggest putting yourself in the position of the said person being gossiped about to see, if you were in that position, how you would feel. You’ll

probably think twice before you tell someone how ugly their outfit is when you realize they probably spent all morning trying to match something to their sparkly chartreuse pants.

As a campus, we seem to have a problem with things that are different. Instead of addressing our issues we resort to childish measures and gossip about it rather than talking to the person to see their real motives behind the said “difference.” We all can talk without our brain; if we all made more of an effort this campus would cease being a gossip pit and instead be made of giant pools of love and harmony.

VIEWPOINTS

Review: Dahn's Garden



Steven Finley
Sports Editor

At 3312 Youree Drive there sits a tiny restaurant called Dahn's Garden. This charming little restaurant serves Vietnamese and Chinese food. When you first walk in you are greeted with the site of a well-furnished, modestly decorated establishment. Once in, you simply find a seat where you please.

When you open the menu you are treated to a varied selection of appetizers and entrees. These range from orange chicken, to curry, to even five different fried rice options. Yes, the menu is tempting, but does the food deliver on that temptation?

Yes, it does indeed. When they bring you your food it is guaranteed to leave you full by the end of the meal. Favorites include Thai spicy beef salad, fresh shrimp spring rolls, Bún bò Huế, peanut chicken, and red curry chicken.

Bún bò Huế is a popular

Vietnamese soup rice vermicelli dish. The predominant flavor is of lemon grass.

The Phở is also delicious! This soup includes noodles made from rice and is often served with Vietnamese basil, lime, and bean sprouts that are added to the soup by the person who is dining. If you order the large bowl, you better be prepared to eat or share with someone and still have some to take home!

The atmosphere in the establishment is nice. It's quiet with plenty of space so you are not bumping into the table next to yours. The seating is comfortable and the staff is really friendly. The prices for their food are also not bad with most entrees costing about ten dollars or less.

If you enjoy good a good quiet atmosphere with great service and great food for low prices, then Dahn's Garden is good place to choose.

Weird Science: Genetically Mutated Glowing Cats Fight Feline AIDS

Madeline Fechter
Viewpoints Editor

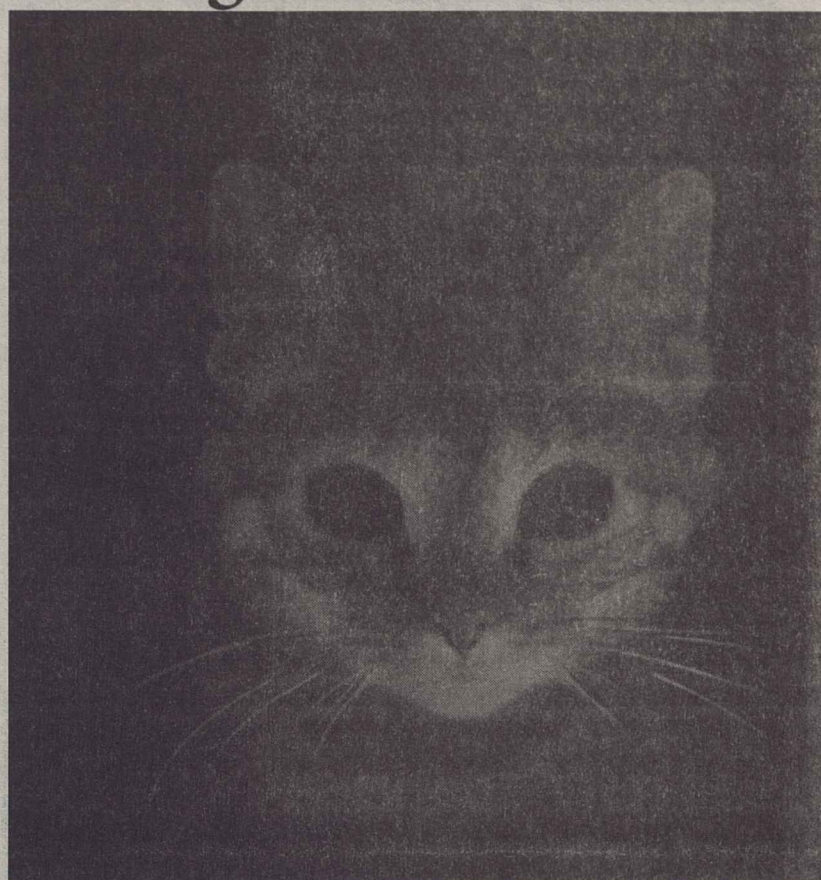
In Sarah C. P. Williams's September article in ScienceNow, the online news site of Science Magazine, she describes a group of researchers who have genetically modified cats by infecting their eggs with a virus containing a foreign gene. This marks the first successful trial of this method in a carnivore. More importantly, this research could prove cats a useful genetic model and potentially protect them from an HIV-like virus.

There are two AIDS epidemics in the world: one in humans, the other in cats. Whereas we can become infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), cats fall victim to the feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV), which causes nearly the same symptoms.

FIV is a lentivirus that affects domesticated housecats worldwide and is the causative agent of feline AIDS. According to J. Richards in his paper "Feline immunodeficiency virus vaccine: Implications for diagnostic testing and disease management," 2.5% up to 4.4% of cats worldwide are infected with FIV. FIV differs taxonomically from two other feline retroviruses, feline leukemia virus and feline foamy virus, and is more closely related to human immunodeficiency virus, HIV.

According to previous studies, Williams wrote that "a protein called TRIMCyp is what keeps humans and monkeys from being infected with FIV. The protein, which cats lack, is thought to recognize the virus's outer shell and target it to be degraded."

Eric Poeschla, a molecular virologist at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, research aims to find out if giving cats this TRIMCyp gene would make them immune to FIV. But the only proven way of getting a new gene into a cat is somatic cell nuclear transfer.



"The technique, which produced the famous sheep Dolly, involves replacing the nucleus of an egg cell with a nucleus from an adult cell that contains new genes, then implanting the egg into a female. The strategy works in only a fraction of cases. In cats it's been used to create glowing kittens with no other traits, just proof that it can be made to work," wrote Williams.

Poeschla research group used an alternate method—using a virus to carry genes into an egg cell—that previously worked in herbivores like mice and cows but never before in a carnivore.

Because cells are readily infected by lentiviruses, the researchers made a lentivirus containing the TRIMCyp gene as well as a gene that encodes for a fluorescent protein. The addition of the fluorescent protein allowed for an easy aid for which cat cells contained the new gene—i.e. the cats that glowed green. After allowing the virus to infect the eggs, the team fertilized them with normal cat sperm and injected them into the fallopian tubes of 22 female cats. Each cat received 30 to 50 eggs.

In Nature Methods, an academic journal covering new

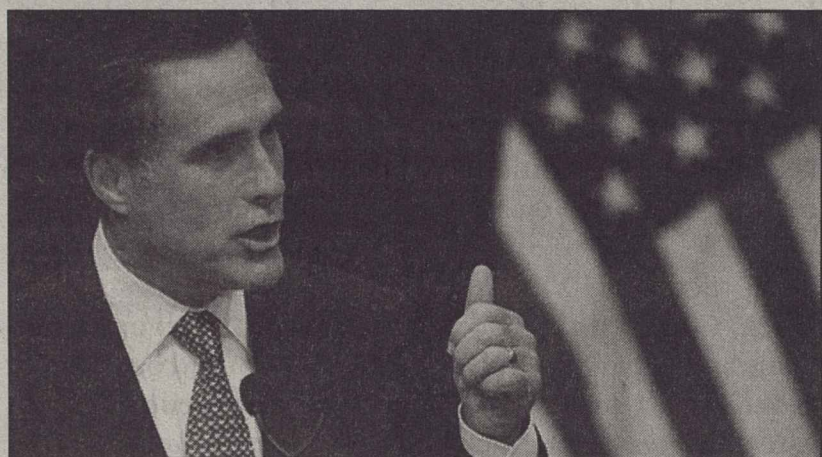
techniques for science, Poeschla said, "Five cats became pregnant, with 11 embryos between them. Ten of the embryos contained the new genes, and five gave rise to kittens, three of which are still alive. The 23% success rate is much higher than the typical 3% seen with somatic cell nuclear transfer."

Not only was this a high number of animals per pregnancy, the number of kittens with the new genes per embryo was also high.

"A big advantage is efficiency. Almost all of the offspring are transgenic (carry the new gene), so you're not screening hundreds of animals to find the transgenic ones," said Poeschla in Nature Methods.

However, when the researchers tried to infect the genetically modified kittens with FIV, the virus didn't replicate well. Williams explained that the Poeschla research group will now test whether the cats are resistant to FIV, or, if not, whether they are less likely to develop feline AIDS after infection.

Presidential Candidate Spotlight of the Week: Mitt Romney



Andrea Violet
Business Manager

We are in the pre-season of the Presidential election, yet how many of us actually know our Republican candidates? I am about to start a weekly spotlight on Republican candidates so we can learn a little bit more about the people up for election to run our country.

If we do not educate ourselves on the candidates and act as responsible voting citizens, we are essentially forgoing our right to complain about members of the government doing things that we do not believe to be in our best interest. If you think someone is doing a poor job or see something you want to change, you have to take action.

The first step in taking action is to educate yourself to know how to act and effectively get your point across to the opposition.

This week's spotlight candidate is Mitt Romney. Romney is the former governor of Massachusetts. He was in the running during the candidate selection pre-election back in

2008, however his place in the selection collapsed after coming in second to Mike Huckabee in the Iowa caucus.

He graduated cum laude from Harvard University and then proceeded to graduate in 1975 from a prestigious joint program between Harvard Law School and Harvard Business School with a joint Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration degree.

The most criticized issue platform for his campaign is his healthcare plan. It has been compared to Obamacare quite often, and has even been dubbed Obamaneycare by critics.

He is pro-universal healthcare, but unlike Obama, Romney does not want to implement a program to raise taxes for to fund this program. Romney will permit states to use the funds they would have spent to treat the uninsured to aid the individuals in purchasing private health insurance.

In July he was considered by the polls to be the front-runner in the candidate race, but only time will tell.

SGA Presents: Your class representatives!

Madeline Fechter
Viewpoints Editor

As Treasurer of the Student Government Association (SGA), I will provide Conglomerate readers the weekly breakdown on the ins and outs of SGA. This will usually include our deliberation and decision made at our weekly senate and committee meetings. It will also document our sponsored events.

Why should you care? SGA is Centenary's body of student representatives that seeks to serve by supporting student endeavors functioning as the students' liaison to the faculty and staff and initiating change in our campus and community in order to enhance the campus experience.

We have the ability to support student endeavors with money allocated to the SGA from Centenary student fees. If you want to know where student fees are being spent, here is the place to read about all of our resolutions—passed, failed, and pending.

The executive council of the

2011-2012 SGA is composed of President Drew Burnham, Executive Vice President Kendall Hughes, Vice President of Procedure Charles Madden, and Treasurer Madeline Fechter.

Last weekend, the SGA retreated to Camp Caney in Minden, Louisiana to bond as a new senate while also learning parliamentary procedure and determining the year's goals. The Residence Hall Association also retreated to Camp Caney with SGA, and together discussed implementing change for the coming academic year, such as: sustainability initiatives and residence improvements.

At the first meeting Tuesday, September 13, the senate approved the SGA by-laws for 2011-2012. A resolution was also brought to the table by the SGA Financial Committee (FinCom) to allocate \$800.00 to FinCom for the Fast Cash Fund.

The Fast Cash Fund will provide organizations with a more expeditious outlet to student fees for the attainment of monetary amounts of \$75.00 or less. It will not only allow or-

ganizations an exemption from the two week resolution process, but also the senate more time for priority resolutions. Upon completion of a Fast Cash Fund application, FinCom will deliberate upon said application and administer funds accordingly.

This resolution is pending and will be voted upon at the next Tuesday meeting. SGA meetings are open to all students, faculty, and staff. To see if the Fast Cash Fund resolution passes join us at our meeting every Tuesday at 8:00 p.m.

The 2011-2012 Senate

Freshmen: Anne Briglio, Miles Robinson, Ben Sanchez, and Madelyn Sneed.

Sophomores: Collin Barclay, Austin Butler, Michelle Gaubert, and Ericka Vazquez.

Juniors: Ben Donaldson, Alexandra Larson, Rachel Richardson, Nicolette Rogers, and Christopher Sullivan.

Seniors: Mellynn Baker, Lauren Carlton, Kayla Klaus, Lauren Lassiter, and Kayla Tbaldo

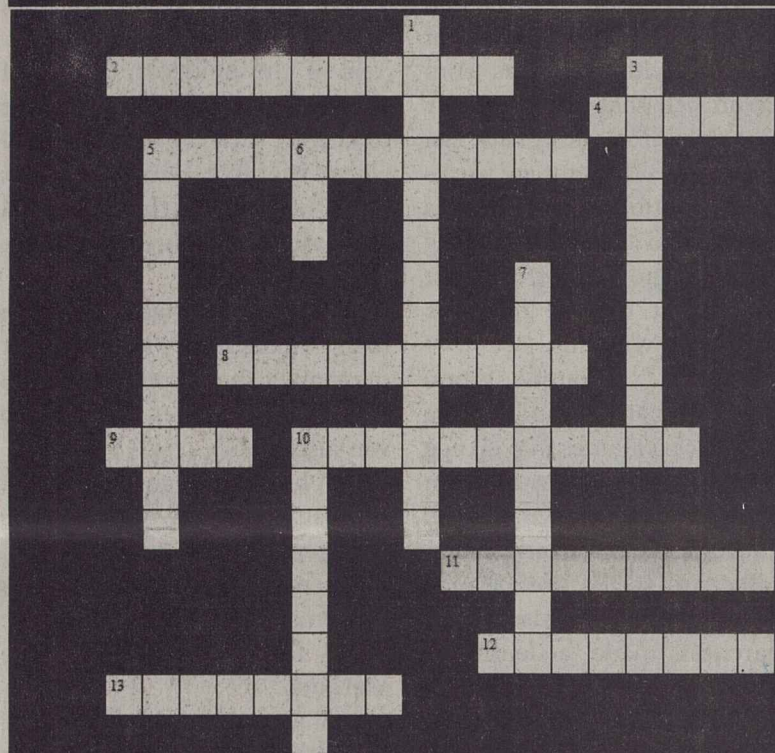
Advisors: Mark Miller, Centenary's Dean of Students, Chris Ciocchetti the Chair of the Philosophy Department and Associate Professor of Philosophy

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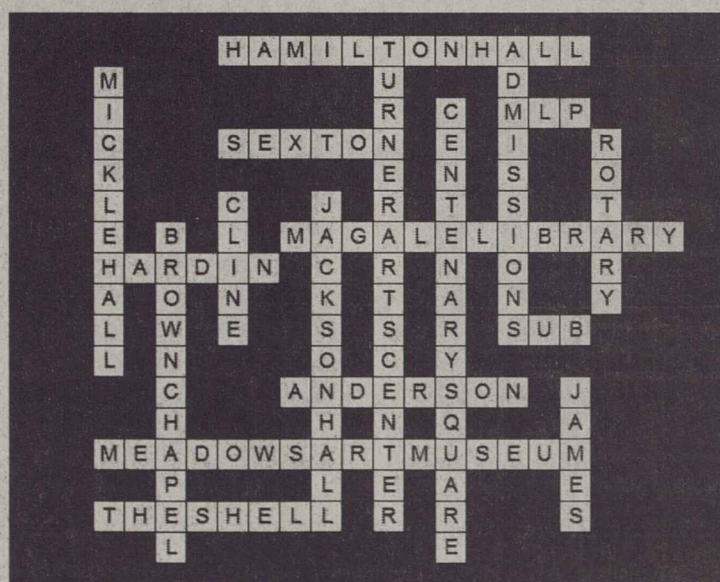


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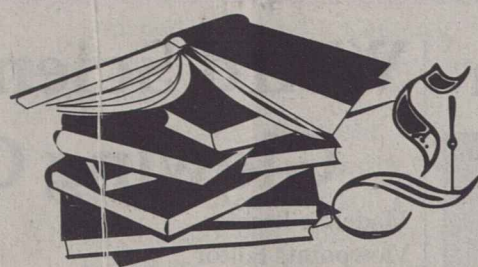
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Literary

"Captive Greenery" by Kyle Kraemer

An artist's scene, before my eyes
A portrait of nature as we often see it
Lush grass painted into patterns of shadows
From the tall trees that face the edge where
The city infiltrates this oasis.
Bright streetlights cast a strange glow
On the unkempt but ne'er wild pond and its grasses.
Water slops noisily, cascades over the fountain,
An ambiance amplified by talkative cicadas.
A car's low rumble moves past on the highway.
I look around at the purposely placed rocks,
The trampled-on foliage, and the stone fountain.
My fingers traipse the soil, the emerged scent
A madeleine to a childhood filled with
Hand trowels and topsoil playtimes.
My sight sets upon a tall green blade,
Its posture striking, its power withheld
I play with the blade, tough but not rough
Smooth, but firmly rooted in its place
I feel powerful as I gently pull it tight and
The tension shows me both its strength and fragility

Horoscopes

Andrea Labor

Aries (3/21-4/19)
Don't ask what's in the meat. Your ship sank before coming in, the leprechauns' rent was aboard, and someone on your floor has been very naughty. Your lucky number is a shoe, which makes a very good projectile. Tonight, don't sniff the fruit salad.

Taurus (4/20-5/20)
Get funky! Celebrate, because you're the only one with a positive horoscope this week! Your lucky number is 2, your lucky letter is O, and your lucky food is tacos. This week, party like a rock star.

Gemini (5/21-6/21)
The universe is back to mocking you. Dropping a course will save your already pathetic GPA, but Mercury has declared your social life to be beyond salvation. Tonight, improve your ability at solitaire.

Cancer (6/22-7/22)
Jeez, don't be so crabby. You must take all bad puns in stride, or your head will explode. Your lucky number is ten, and you should probably be wary of seafood gumbo. Get some sleep.

Leo (7/23-8/22)
You will find yourself higher than three stories before too much longer. Karma will not reward your good deeds this week, and some form of chemistry is mocking you. You will also have a close encounter with a giraffe, which is not your lucky animal.

Virgo (8/23-9/22)
The walrus is waiting with the mannequin. Your lucky

expression is a creepy smile, until you find one on a little girl. If she has bagpipes, beware of grues.

Libra (9/23- 10/22)
All's fair in tests and war. Forget about love; you won't have time for it, anyway. Keeping a balanced life may prove more bottom-heavy than you first realized, but don't let that stop you from keeping a positive outlook on things. Unless you are a realist.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21)
Come with me if you want to live! Actually, never mind; I don't really care either way. Your lucky numbers are 1 and 2, your lucky letters are h and n, and sanitizer wards against evil spirits. Tonight, stop following me.

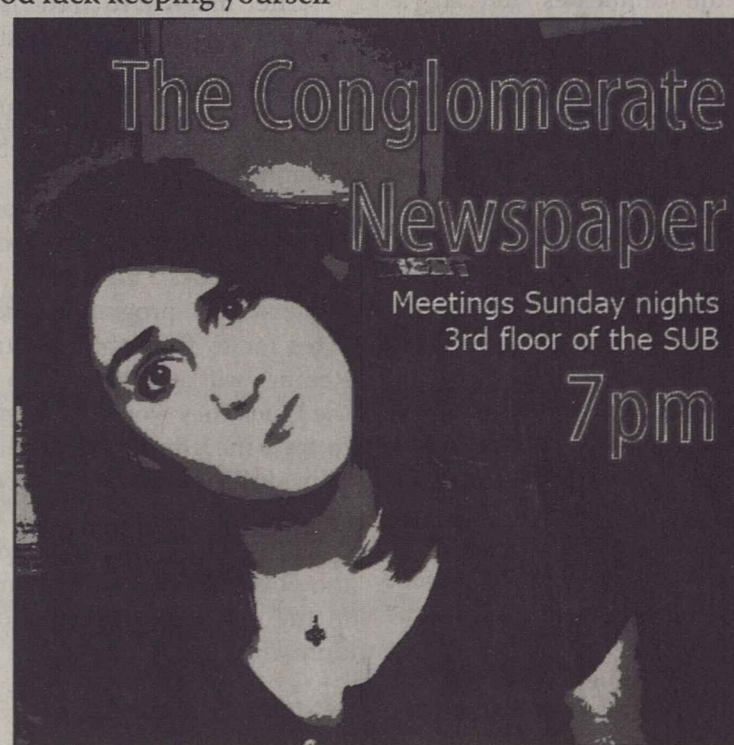
Sagittarius (11/22-12/21)
Work on your aim, or the zombies will eat you. Your lucky metal is not sodium, and your lucky plant is probably going to fall on your head. With that said, good luck keeping yourself

sane next week. You've got some red on you.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19)
Here, have a mushroom. This mushroom is interest-free, comes with a two-second warranty, and will eat your lunch. Thank you and have a nice day. Your lucky number may be an integer.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18)
Don't go in the water. You're in a bad sequel, will most likely die, and will be listed on the credits as Stupid Student #4. The homework load may indeed be the trilogy's completion, but remember that monsters eat whiners. Tonight, don't disappoint the type casters.

Pisces (2/19-3/20)
The pink penguins are hiding under your bed. Feed them only food from the Caf. Given that your sign is two fish, they may also chase you around a little. Friends of a Virgo may also be a problem.





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DPS and Admissions Receive New Golf Cart

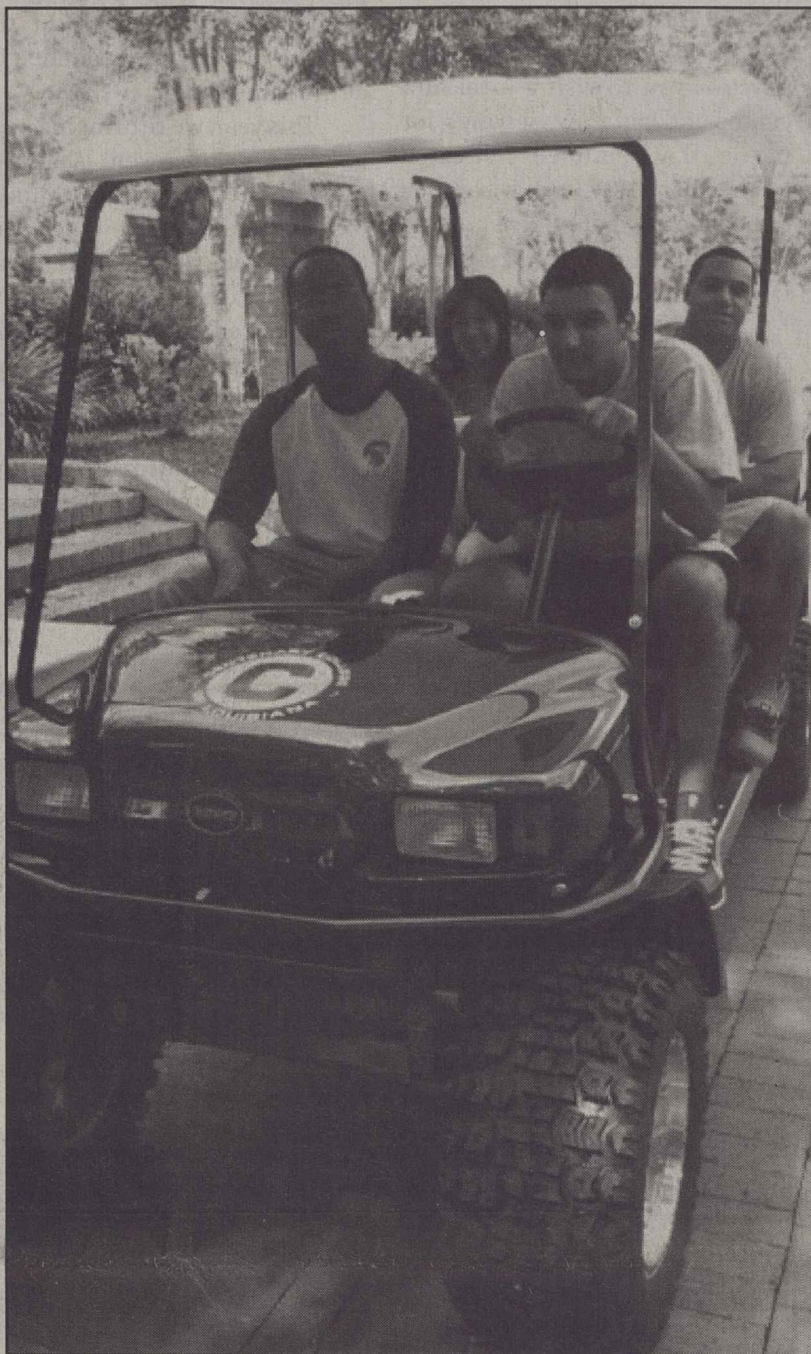
Andrea Violet
Business Manager

As one would assume, all students on campus have noticed our new fancy golf cart residing on campus by now. The cart is co-owned by Admissions and DPS. Due to extenuating need for increased campus transportation, Lieutenant Eddie Walker teamed up with Dave Voskuil, Vice president of Enrollment Services, in order to acquire this essential piece of equipment that enhances the overall functionality of our campus' means of transportation.

Before now, inter-campus transportation was very difficult and especially for transporting large numbers. However, the new golf cart is not only useful for escorting students and patrolling the campus for safety at night, but it is also replacing the need of renting vehicles for use in large campus events such as our Methodist convention and our recent event, the Book Bazaar.

When the need was presented, Warren Clifton, our Director for United Methodist Church Relations, liaised with Voskuil and Walker to put them in contact with a friend of Clifton's who happened to own a dealership in Texas. Robert Lozano, a Centenary Alumni, is owner of a company in Houston, Texas by the name of Golf Cart Sales & Rentals. Lozano was kind enough to sell the new golf cart to us at cost, thus saving the school money. His contribution back to his Alma Mater is greatly appreciated.

Post purchase of the cart,



Andrea Violet/Conglomerate

accessories are still being added. The first accessories were the blue lights, which are used for emergencies and high traffic situations in which high lever visibility is necessary. The white lights were added for visibility at night when an officer is out patrolling campus and escorting

students to places across campus. Some of the items being considered for additions to the cart are: a fire extinguisher, an AED device, and possibly a PA system. The cart is an extension of the DPS office with essential supplies being located within the cart. The cart is at DPS' disposal

when needed at any event they are present on campus.

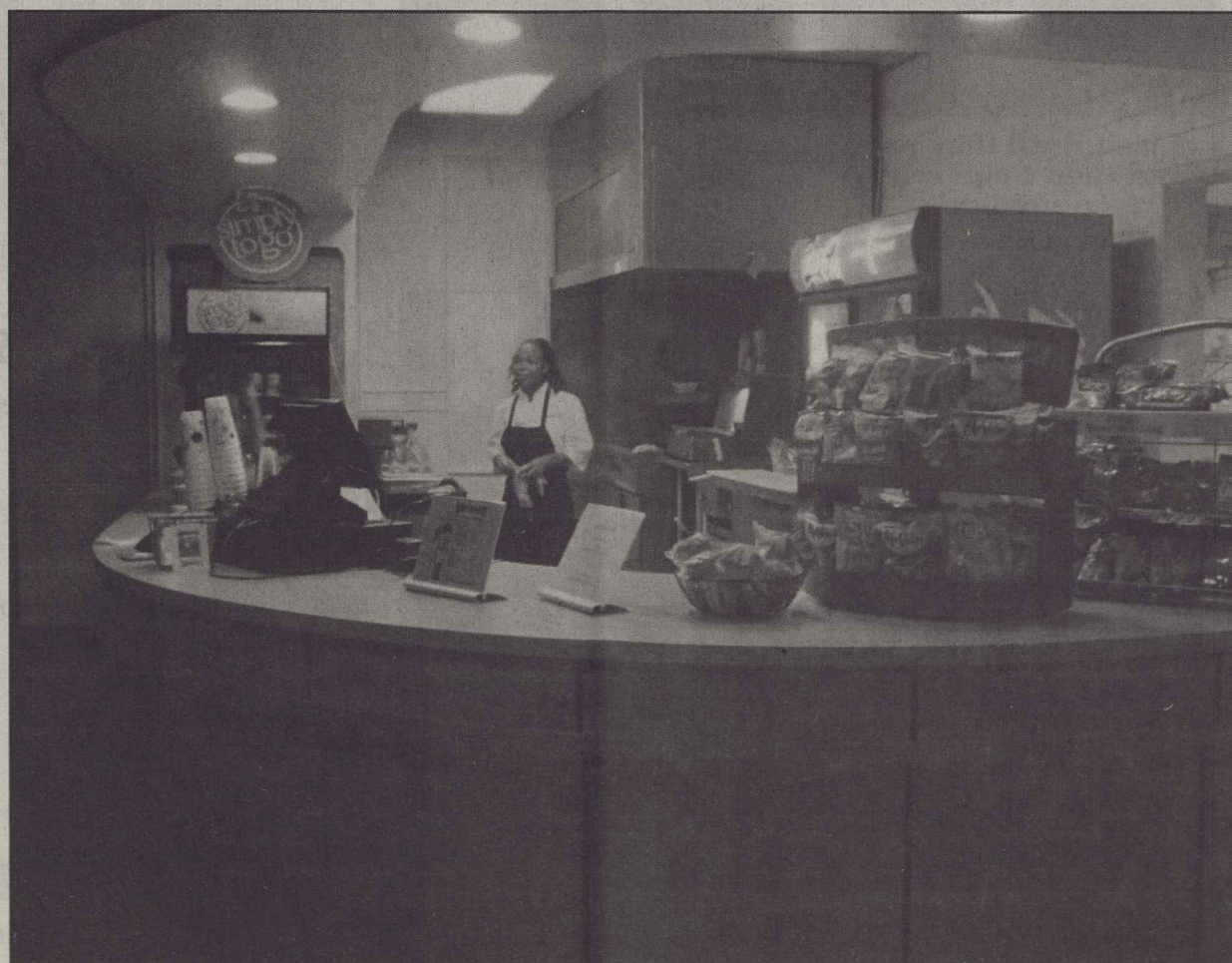
The cart is often used by Admissions for tours and large alumni and new student affairs. It is used by DPS for transportation during large events, for convenience at sporting events, and other events on campus by having a large amount of supplies on hand and ready. DPS has been tracking the usage of the cart for escort purposes, and had a whopping sixty-three requests for escort services during the last two weeks of August. The number of requests for September has reached almost a hundred so far! This cart is also available for request for campus events. DPS can be contacted either by phone or online in order to request the cart, or at the presence of a DPS officer who is at your event.

Something new and exciting about DPS is their Facebook page. They will be beginning to post weekly safety tips, periodical contests with prizes such as Wal-Mart gift cards, and other general information that is essential to students for their safety and well being on campus. One of the most exciting contests coming up is the contest to name the cart! DPS and Admissions will be giving the students an opportunity to have input into the cart since it is now a part of Centenary's campus.

The "name the cart" contest will be announced by way of the Facebook page beginning on September 23rd and the contest will run through September 30th, with the winner being announced on Monday, October 3. The winner will not only receive bragging rights for naming the

See Golf Cart, page 3

Randle's provides new options, students pleased



Randle's Place has adjusted their selection to include several new "grab-and-go" options.

Rebecca Funderburg/Conglomerate

Rebecca Funderburg
Staff Writer

Returning students may have noticed some changes to Randle's Place in the SUB. One of the most noticeably changes is the refrigerated display case.

"This year we are trying to add healthier options," said LeRoy Taylor, General Manager of Dining Services.

While Randle's has always had yogurt, parfaits, and wraps available, many students did not know about those options. Now with the new refrigerated display case, students can easily see these options. "It is better merchandising," said Taylor.

They have added one new healthy option, hummus. "We all tried it to make sure we liked it," said Taylor. The hummus seems

to be very popular with students. "I can't keep it on the shelves long enough," said Odessa Marshall, supervisor at Randle's Place.

Randle's Place is also trying to make Late Night healthier. "We're adding healthier late night choices like grilled wraps, salads, and chips instead of fries," said Marshall. "We always have one non-fried item on the late night menu."

Randle's also brought back Little Debbie snack cakes at students' request.

Also new to Randle's is suggestion cards. Students have already submitted several suggestion cards and more are welcomed. Anyone with a question or concern about Randle's is encouraged to speak with LeRoy Taylor or Odessa Marshall.

In the future, Randle's is planning to hold a large Christmas stocking raffle, with the proceeds going to a local needy family around Thanksgiving or Christmas.

Also, Randle's plans to have a chance for a student or students to become better acquainted with the operations of the cafeteria and Randle's. A student would have the opportunity to plan the menu in the cafeteria, and a student would get to plan the late night menu at Randle's one night. The student or students selected to plan the menu would also get to assist in the serving and sales of the food that day.

They are also planning to purchase a larger refrigerator display case to hold a larger quantity and selection of healthy food options.

Randle's is open from 10:30 am to 10:00 pm Monday through Thursday. Randle's is open from 10:30 am to 7:00 pm on Friday,

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Letter from the Editor: Know your MEDIA

Ashley Lynch
Editor in Chief

Every now and then, I hear a few distressing questions about our campus media--particularly the "What is ..." comments. What is the YONCOPIN, your student yearbook? What is the PANDORA, a publication that compiles your art, literature, and music into a yearly book? What is THE CONGLOMERATE, your student newspaper? The FILM SOCIETY, an organization that pays for you to visit a local film center and puts on viewings for movies that you might not catch in theaters? KSCL, our campus radio station, that offers students the ability to become a campus DJ?

We're the student-led, student-run organizations that provide an outlet for you to tap into your creative potential. Whether it's writing poems, taking photos, working with design software, building playlists, reporting, viewing, or drawing: we've got something for you.

Now, you may need to forgive me for being a bit biased. I have been a part of our campus media for three years, now--it can be said that I'm rather attached. To me, there's nothing like seeing students step into our organizations and take the initiative to excel. In these positions, you're working to create something that's for the students and by the students, all at the same time.

This year, we're bringing back a FANTASTIC event that will allow the Centenary community to mix and mingle with our organizations (as well as being treated in the process). You're not required to join any media if you attend, but it can certainly provide some answers for any of those "What is ..." questions.

For more information on this event, please refer to the article on the 5th page of this issue.

We'd love to see you there!

multi MEDIA

A one night event to mingle and connect
with your campus media.

Presented by SGA, KSCL, The Conglomerate, Yoncopin, Pandora, and The Film Society

Thursday, September 29th

6:00p-10:00 pm

at the Robinson Film Center

For more information, turn to page 5.

Question of the Week

**How do you dodge the
sprinklers on campus?**



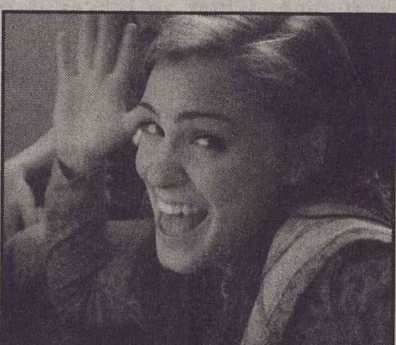
Badly.
Krista McKinney, Junior



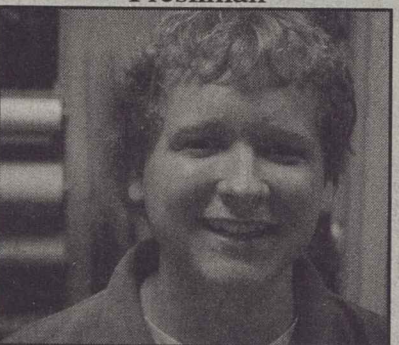
**I stare at them and
watch them go.**
Hayley Schneider, Junior



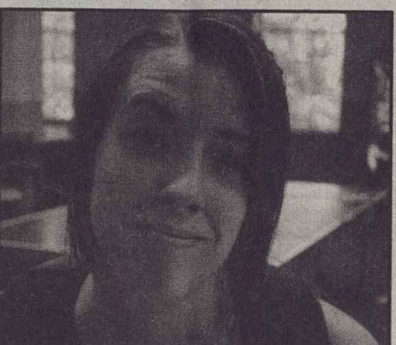
**I wait until they pass
and then I run really
quickly.**
Caitlyn Hayworth,
Freshman



I do a dance.
Hadley Million, Junior



I walk on the grass.
Kyle Boston, Freshman



**I don't. I like to walk
through them, playa.**
Jenna Squyres, Senior

UPs & DOWNS



Leadership Conference
Yay for leadership training!



Alan's Hot Tub
Funny and random!



Centenary Athletics
Fantastic games, everyone! Keep it up!



Waffle Maker Batter
Not enough...



Stressed Students
Teachers, enough with the homework!
Seriously...



Netflix's Prices
How dare they increase prices!

Fitness Center Classes

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
6:00 am	Turbo Kick	-	-	-
7:15 am	-	Total Body	-	Total Body
11:15 am	-	ABS	-	ABS
Noon	Pilates	Yoga	Pilates	Yoga
4:35 pm	-	Mosley's	-	-
5:00 pm	Step	-	Hi/Lo	-
5:30 pm	-	Cycling	-	Turbo Kick
6:00 pm	Zumba	-	Zumba	-

Fall Hours

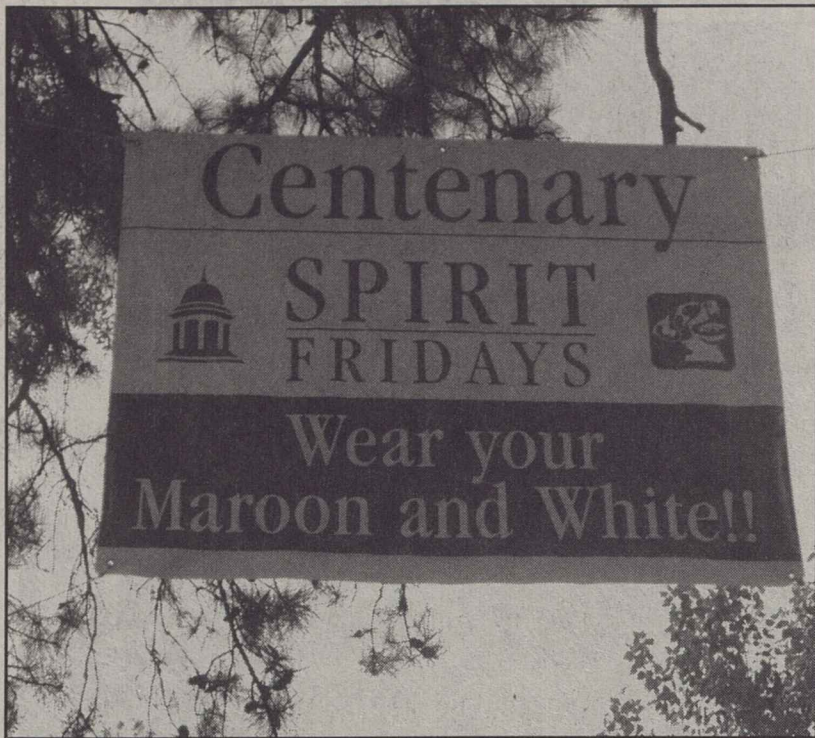
Mon-Thu: 6am - 10pm
Fri: 6am - 6pm
Sat: Noon - 6pm
Sun: 2pm - 6pm

Pool Hours

Mon-Fri: 11am - 2pm
Mon Night: 8pm - 10pm
Wed Night: 6pm - 10pm
Sat & Sun: 2pm - 6pm

News

Op/Ed: Spirit at Centenary on the Rise



Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

Nathan Yacovissi/Conglomerate

The students, faculty, and staff of Centenary College have been trying to increase the morale and spirit on campus this year.

It's obvious that the energy thus far has been higher than the last couple years. Students are excited to be getting involved and forming new relationships with friends. Centenary Athletics has also started off in the right direction.

This is the first year that Centenary athletic teams are competing in the American Southwest Conference (ASC). Both soccer teams began conference play with thrilling 1-0 wins in their home openers last week. Students are coming out to games in an effort to support their friends, classmates, and school.

However, one thing seems to be missing this year, and that is cheerleaders. Over the past two years, there have been cheerleaders present at games and events. But there is no cheerleading

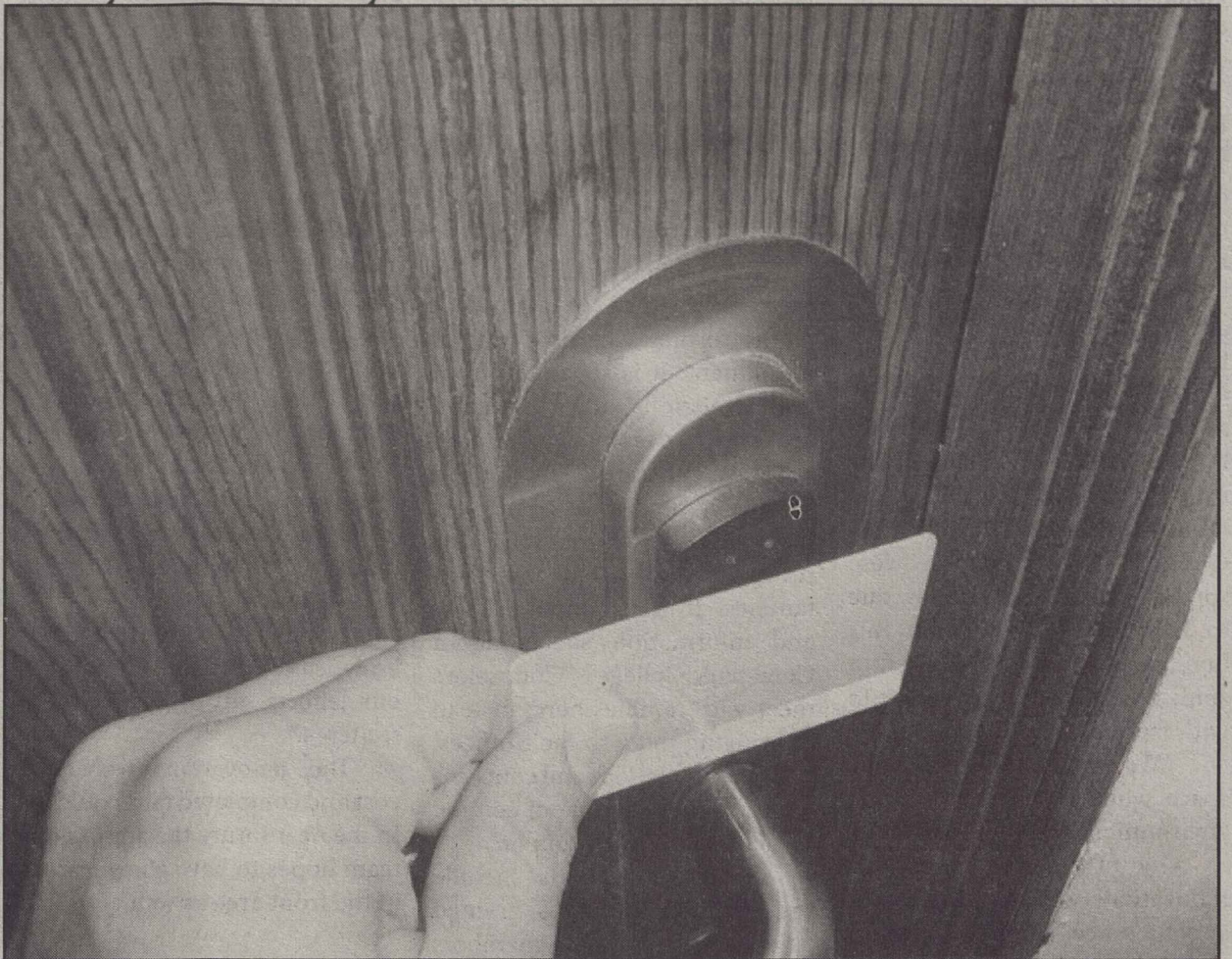
squad this year. Part of that is due to a seemingly lack of interest in cheerleading from the students. Why force something that isn't gaining much support?

With a desire for further morale boost, are cheerleaders a must? A cheerleader's goal is to hype crowds up at games. The chants, stunts, and tumbling are great energizers between timeouts and can be great, quick entertainment for the fans.

Of course, there are other ways to create spirit. Signs with words of encouragement can be seen all across campus as well as cowbells provided by SGA during orientation this year. If you look closely, there are even signs that encourage students to wear Maroon and White on Fridays as a way to promote spirit across campus.

It may not be the same spirit as pompoms and people leading chants in front of the stands, but spirit is definitely alive on campus this year and hopefully it will only continue to get bigger and louder.

Centenary goes forward with new key card system for residence halls



Steven Finley
Sports Editor

This past April, Centenary College of Louisiana was in talks to install a key card system into all the Residence Halls across campus. It is now September and the proposal has been approved. Centenary will begin installing this new system as early as the week of September 5th.

The plan is to have all the Residence Halls up and running with the new key card system by hopefully no later than the end of the fall semester. This new system has been confirmed to also include the Turner Arts Building, Mickle Hall of Science, and Jackson Hall. These three buildings will be set up slightly different from the Residence Halls though.

In each of the three build-

ings only one door will have the key card system installed into it. All the other doors will remain the same. On top of this Centenary can choose to have the system let anyone with a card into these three buildings at any time or they can choose to have the system auto lock at a certain time, restricting entry. This will be up to the professors of each of the respected buildings.

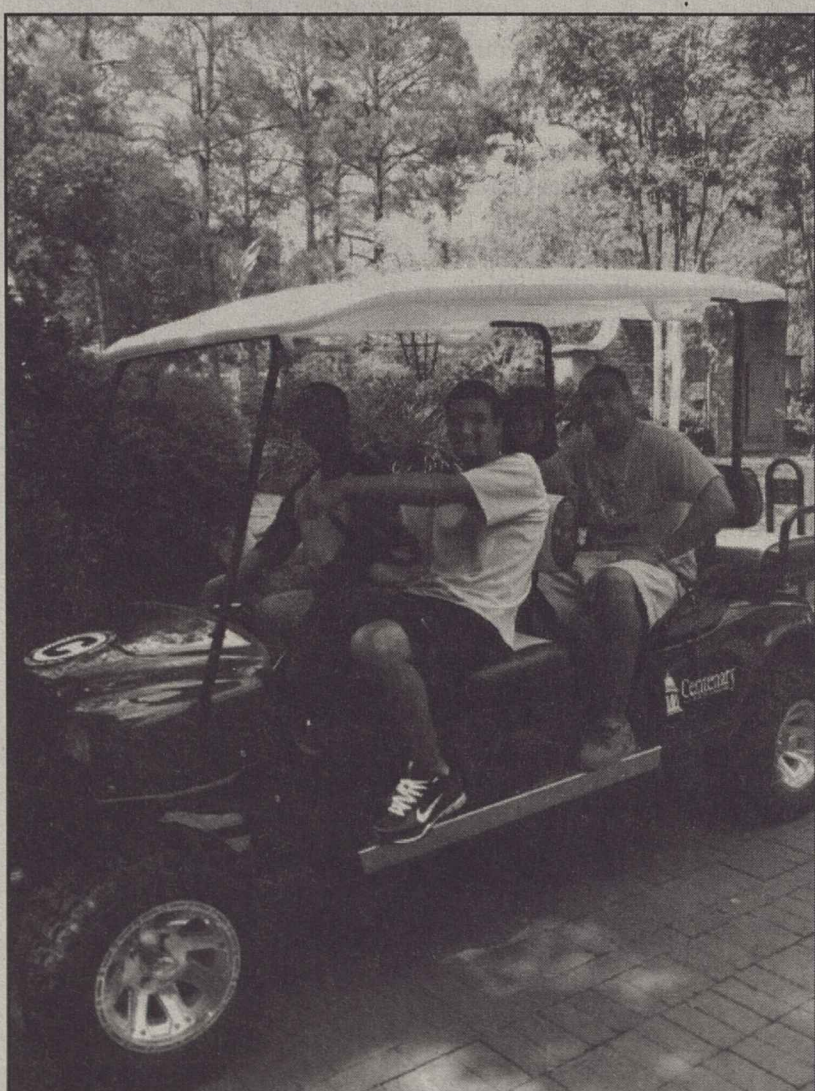
Another change has come about thanks to the new key card system. The new student IDs that everyone received at the beginning of the year appear quite different from the ones in the past. This is because these new IDs will act as the cards that one must swipe in order to enter a Residence Hall. These cards if lost will only cost 25 dollars to replace in comparison to the 650

dollars it now cost to replace a student's keys if they are lost.

This system will obviously be expensive; however the Department of Public Safety received a Cop's grant two years ago in order to pay for that very expense. Using this grant Centenary will be able to maintain the key card system for at least three years before having to use funds straight from the college budget.

This system has been considered and debated for a long time and before it was approved the system was almost tossed out the window and forgotten about. The students of Centenary College can officially say goodbye to a key and lock system and say hello to a much anticipated card-swipe system.

Golf Cart from Page 1



Students catch a ride in the new golf cart.

Andrea Violet/Conglomerate

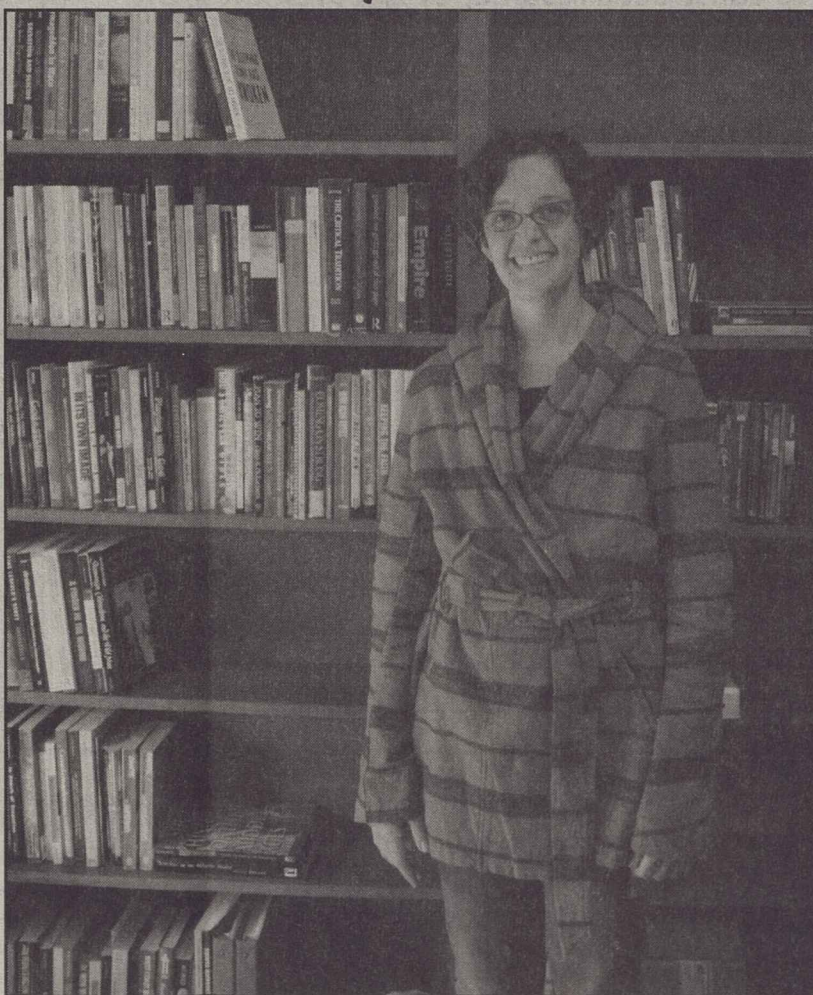
cart, but they will also receive an all campus parking pass.

This will not include handicap zones, fire zones, or visitor parking spaces, of course, but it will allow access to the rest of the campus. Centenary thanks everyone over at DPS for coming up with such an amazing prize

for this contest!

DPS can be found on Facebook under Centenary College Police Department. Go look them up, like them on Facebook, watch for campus news and events, and get ready to come up with amazing names for our new campus golf cart!

Religious Studies department welcomes new faculty member, Dr. Annie Blazer



Dr. Annie Blazer

Steven Finley/Conglomerate

Steven Finley
Sports Editor

At the start of the new semester, the Religious Studies Department here at Centenary College of Louisiana hired Dr. Annie Blazer as the Assistant Professor of Religious Studies to fill the vacant spot left by Dr. Brayford who retired last year.

Dr. Blazer got her B.A. in English from Michigan State University. She then went to UNC Chapel Hill where she studied under a religion and culture program. After this she wrote her Dissertation on Christianity and sports. After her dissertation she was offered a temporary teaching position at Millsaps College in Mississippi. She spent two years

there teaching courses on African American religion as well as Islam and other topics such as "Religion and the Internet".

After the two years at Millsaps, she went to Princeton for a research fellowship where she spent her time turning her dissertation into a book manuscript. Her priority while here at Centenary will be to emphasize history and culture and to look at religion in context as well as to look at how religions can relate to other religions.

When asked why she chose Centenary, Dr. Blazer stated that "I love a small class in which you can do seminar style learning." While here she hopes to start up a few new religion courses for the curriculum. These courses include ones on African religions as well as ones on "Religion and Sports" and "Religion and the Internet".

Her advice to students aside from going to class and to read the assignments, are to come into a religion class with an open mind. She recommends to not let your background cloud your opinion of the class, to allow a little freedom and just enjoy learning about something new.

Dr. Blazer has a lot of experience under her belt and is promising good things to come for the Religious Studies Department as well as for Centenary.

News

Admissions office undergoes upgrades

Renovations include new conference room, office spaces

Summayah Anwar
Staff Writer

As part of the Centenary Renewal package, the Samuel P. Peters Building, which houses the admissions office, is undergoing an upgrade. Various renovations within the building have already taken place as early as July while others are currently being completed.

"The admissions office has always been a welcoming place, but it wasn't practically being used as an office space," said Director of Admissions, Mickey Quinlan. "Staff members were spread out across campus due to lack of office space in this building and we were limited in some things that we could not do with families," he said.

"We wanted to improve our space while maintaining a nice environment," said Quinlan.

One of the most important renovations was the creation of a conference room. "We have

wanted to have a conference room for a while. We felt that it would be a suitable environment to have conversations with prospective students' families about things such as the admissions process, scholarships and financial aid," said Quinlan.

The conference room was created in place of the office of the former vice president of enrollment. It is separated from the admissions office common area with a glass wall. It includes a flat screen television hooked up to a computer for counselors to include presentations for prospective students and their families. It also contains flyers and information sheets about Centenary College. "Counselors meet with families here, instead of bringing them to their offices, to discuss questions and concerns that they may have about coming to Centenary," said Quinlan.

Other renovations include the creation of glass framed offices for staff members

and a work place for student ambassadors. The glass offices mirror the current style present in the building.

"I was unsure about some of the changes at first, but now that it's a defined space, I like it," said office manager Janet Ingram about her new office space.

Ambassador and Junior Meg Crowley likes the recent upgrades. "There are a lot more people here now, but they are utilizing the space well," she said.

"The renovations in the admissions building indirectly affect the overall student body because it allows us to continue to bring in quality students to contribute to the current student body," said Quinlan. "It improves our efforts to bring in these students."

The renovations were low cost and completed fairly quickly. In the near future the admissions team hopes to have a new carpet in the front area as well.

International Spotlight: Meet Annie Lam



Rebecca Funderburg
Staff Writer

Rebecca Funderburg/Conglomerate

Annie Lam is one of 14 foreign exchange students on Centenary's campus at this time.

The Conglomerate: Where are you from?

Annie: "I am from Hong Kong".

Conglomerate: How are old are you?

Annie: "Twenty"

Conglomerate: What is your major and why?

Annie: "My major is accounting. I want to be a professional, that's why I am studying a major in accounting".

Conglomerate: Why did you decide to come to Centenary?

Annie: "The major reason is accounting. I chose a school that I can transfer my courses back to my school in Hong Kong. Another reason is that I wanted to explore a totally different lifestyle. That's why I chose Centenary".

Conglomerate: What classes are you taking here at Centenary?

Annie: "Ancient art, financial institution, auditing, intermediate accounting, and global politics."

Conglomerate: What do you think about Shreveport, since it is so different from Hong Kong?

Annie: "Shreveport is quiet and comfortable. Buildings are not tall at all. There are lots of skyscrapers that can be found in Hong Kong. It sometimes inconvenient here that people sometimes have to drive themselves in a car to go out. In Hong Kong, public transportation is well-constructed".

Conglomerate: What do you miss most about home?

Annie: "Of course my family and friends".

Conglomerate: What is your favorite color?

Annie: "My favorite color is pink".

Conglomerate: What is one of your favorite movies?

Annie: "A Beautiful Mind."

Conglomerate: What is your absolute favorite snack food?

Annie: "White chocolate- I love it so much!"

Conglomerate: If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?

Annie: "Finland, to see the beautiful green lights. I forgot what they're called in English. You can see them in other places too. Let me look it up- aurora borealis, the Northern Lights".

Centenary Professional Development

FRIDAY LUNCH SERIES

Grab your lunch in the Caf and come join us for "Friday Lunch Series" chats on different career coaching topics!

All are at 12:00 noon in the Centenary Room, adjacent to the Caf.

Fall 2011 Topics:

Friday, September 1

"Choosing Majors & Careers"

Perfect for those who may be confused about their major or career and want some direction on how to discern your options!

Friday, September 16

"Resumes/CVs & Cover Letters"

Learn the basics how to construct a resume, CV or cover letter OR bring yours by for a quick review!

Friday, October 7

"Applying to Graduate or Professional School"

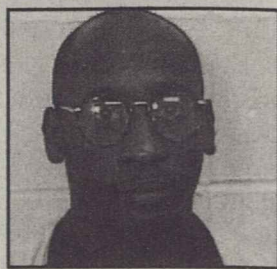
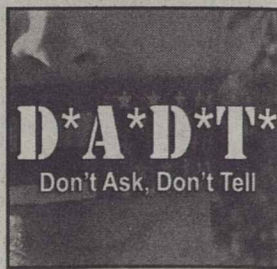
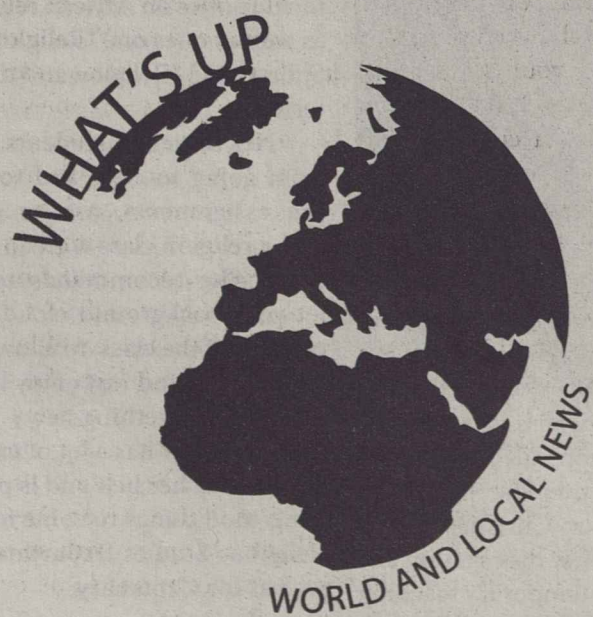
Find out what it takes to apply and get into graduate or professional school!

Friday, November 11

"Personal Statements"

A continuation of the October topic...get more in-depth with what personal statements entail. If you have a draft, bring it for a review!

For more information, contact Elizabeth Everett, Assistant Director for Professional Development at 869-5042 or eeverett@centenary.edu.



Don't Ask Don't Tell

On September 20, 2011 the Don't Ask Don't Tell law was repealed. DADT was started in 1993, and prohibited homosexual men and women from serving openly in the military.

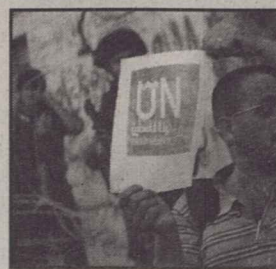
Troy Davis

American citizen Troy Davis was convicted for the murder of Mark MacPhail, a Georgia police officer and received the death penalty in 1991. Ten years after sentencing, Davis was executed on September 21, 2011.



Netflix

Netflix recently announced their plan for a new site, Qwikster. Soon, all DVD rentals will go through Qwikster. com and Netflix.com will be a watch instantly site.



Palestine

September 23, 2011, Palestine makes its approach to become a full member of the UN. The United States has vowed to veto their proposal.

A&E

“multiMEDIA” event invites students to learn about campus media, visit local film center

get to know
KSCL 91.3FM
YONCOPIN
CONGLOMERATE
FILM SOCIETY
PANDORA
 your campus media

Ashley Lynch
 Editor in Chief

There's a media extravaganza going on at the Robinson Film Center on Thursday, September 29th, and the entire Centenary community is welcome to attend.

“multiMEDIA,” an event hosted by the campus media with assistance from Centenary's Student Government Association, will take place at 6:30 pm and run through 10:00 pm.

Attendees will be able to mix and mingle with members of each organization and learn about what each contributes to the campus. Interested students will be able to inquire about ways to get involved, discuss ideas with organization heads, and collect contact information. Pandora will be providing magazines from last year and The Conglomerate will have copies of its latest issue. There is no charge to attend.

Transportation will not be an issue: thanks to generous funding from SGA, a shuttle bus will run from 6:00 pm through 11:00 pm from Jackson Hall's parking lot to the film center and back. All Centenary community members are encouraged to utilize this method of transportation in an effort to reduce the number of vehicles in the small Robinson Film Center parking area. The shuttle bus is expected to return to each location in fifteen minute intervals.

“multiMEDIA” will begin at 6:30 pm with light appetizers, including fresh fruit, a cheese display, spinach and artichoke dip, meat pies, and chicken & beef teriyaki. Drinks will be provided.

The event will include short presentations from each of the media heads about the mission of their organization and what they would like to accomplish this year.

Live entertainment will be provided by female vocalist and Centenary alumna, AJ Haynes.

The event also serves as an opportunity for students to become familiar with our local film center, where students can view films for free throughout the year by showing their IDs, sponsored by the Centenary Film Society.

Once presentations have finished, students will have the opportunity to catch a free viewing of “Sarah's Key” at 7:30p if they bring their ID. More information about the movie can be found on: www.robinsonfilmcenter.org

The event is not limited to students who are interested in becoming involved in the media, but rather strives to promote knowledge of each organization.

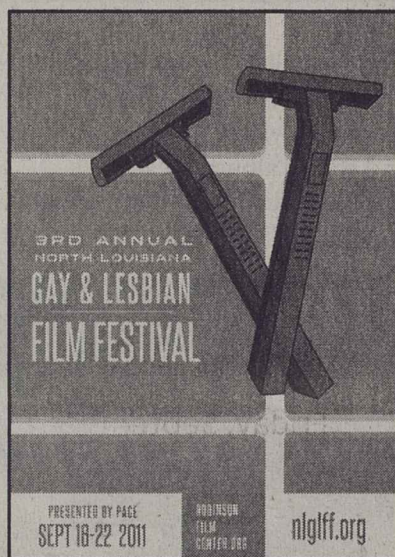
For more information, please check out our event page on Facebook and leave any comments, questions, or concerns on its wall.

Gay & Lesbian film festival wraps up

Karley Aiken
 A&E Editor

The 3rd Annual North Louisiana Gay & Lesbian Film Festival was presented by PACE from September 16 to 22 at the Robinson Film Center in downtown Shreveport. PACE is a nonpartisan organization that works to advance equality in northwest Louisiana. The festival is an important event for the Shreveport community that strives to counteract stereotyping with valid portrayals of the gay and lesbian community.

Some films that were featured this year included Hollywood to Dollywood, a documentary about gay twins who embark on a cross country journey to deliver a script to Dolly Parton; Undertow, a Spanish drama about a man in a happy marriage who secretly has a male lover; and Leave It on the Floor, a musical in which Brad, a young man caught in a dysfunctional home, travels to California and



happens upon a more satisfying and accepting family. The festival also ran a short film program on Wednesday, featuring six short films illuminating and celebrating the trials that the LGBTQ society suffers and overcomes.

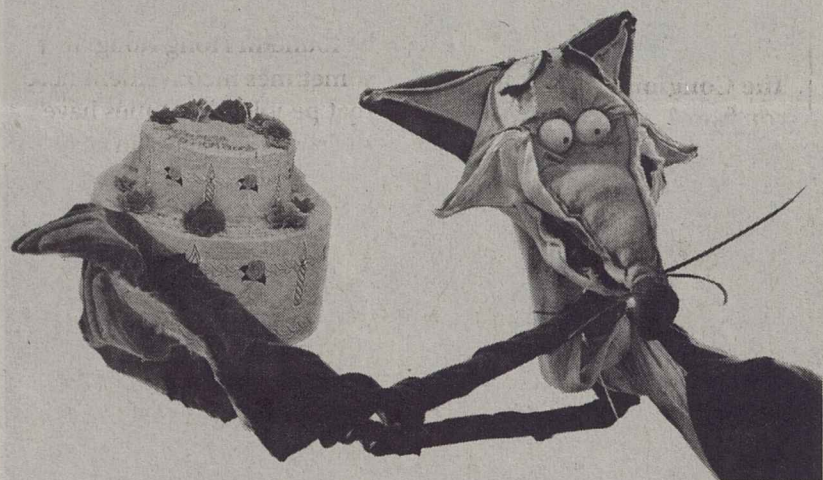
Outreach President and Centenary senior Emily Willet says that she thoroughly enjoyed the film festival this year: “I agree with the speaker/comedian Bruce Vilanch when he said that this festival just needs to

exist in Shreveport...we need to show each other and the rest of Shreveport that the gay community is alive and well, and that we celebrate the presence of LGBT-inspired film. I enjoyed attending the films as well as the reception and panels,” she says, “because it puts me in the presence of PACE and other LGBT persons in the Shreveport community.”

The PACE film festival is not just another festival dedicated to presenting stories and filmmakers that are going to entertain the Shreveport community – PACE is prepared to impact and change Shreveport and our society by opening minds, educating viewers, and allowing us to see adequate portrayals of real-life circumstances; the LGBT community is represented in a powerful and accepting light in thanks to this great event. We should be thankful that we have the opportunity to be involved in such diverse artist experiences.

For more information about PACE or the festival, visit pace-louisiana.org or nlglff.org.

“Fantastic Mr. Fox” puppet show opens at Artspace



Cara Lavender
 Copy Editor

“Fantastic Mr. Fox” opens at Artspace in downtown Shreveport on September 24. This show is a must-see for all ages. This live presentation is very innovative with all characters presented as hand-made puppets and all scenes created on site.

Arthur Mintz is the director and creator of the project. He first thought of this idea while he was on tour with his band. He created a cardboard cutout layout straight from Rohl Dahl's book, “Fantastic Mr. Fox.” The show originally ran in New Orleans for a year solid to a sold out audience of over 6,500 people. Arthur's intent was to run the show for two weeks.

After talking with our own Centenary College graduate Cazzy Verbois, who was accepted to be a puppeteer for “Fantastic Mr. Fox,” I received much information about the inner-workings of the program.

Verbois first stated that Fantastic Mr. Fox “is an immersive cardboard adventure!”

When asked about what the puppets are made of, Verbois said, “The puppets are created through t-shirts and highly imaginative PVC pipe work. These puppets can stand up to eight feet tall to three inches high. There is a great deal of forced perspective within the play.”

Verbois said, “The actual creation of the sets in Shreveport has taken at least four months. However, thanks to the previous run in New Orleans, some of the puppets have already been made; shaving off a month or so. For us puppeteers -- all Shreveport locals -- it has been six weeks of rehearsals.”

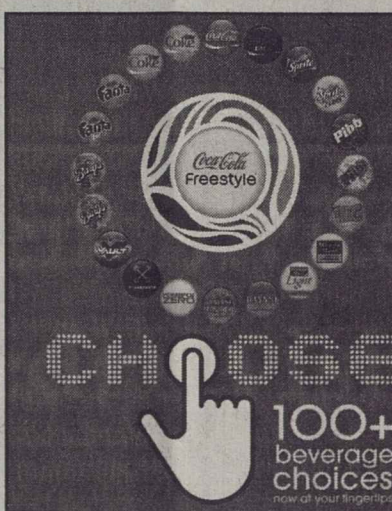
Verbois's role in this exhibition is mainly the hands of the titular character and “a giant dog named Betsy.”

Having no experience in puppet shows at any point in time, I was curious to see how the puppets actually come to be in front of the audience. Verbois replied, “We mostly attach the puppets to our bodies or hold them accordingly. We also sometimes have to be under hills and puppeteer with rods. It's every form of puppetry styles put into one.”

Sometimes Verbois has to actually attach a puppet to his body and be on the stage. “The crazy part is every show there will only be four puppeteers a narrator and a tech,” Verbois said.

The show runs about two hours from start to finish. Tickets are being sold for \$20 at Artspace. They can be purchased by phone at (318)-673-6535 or in person at 710 Texas Street in downtown Shreveport. You can visit Artspace's website to check out show times.

Tech News: Coca-Cola Freestyle



Nathan Yacovissi
 Staff Writer

Tired of walking up to a fountain drink machine and only having the same old drinks to choose from? Coke, Sprite, Dr. Pepper, Diet Coke, Pepsi, among other common brands are good, but what if you could add more flavor to your favorite classics? Recently this past year, restaurants have seen an increase in these new fountain drink ma-

chines that are giving customers the perfect drink for them.

Wendy's and Taco Bell are among the few restaurants known for having these machines. These machines look like your ordinary vending machine until you walk up and notice the nice digital touchscreen presenting all your regular classic drink options. It's a touchscreen interface, so a customer simply touches the Coke logo if that is what he/she desires. If you currently have selected Coke and if that is what you want, then press the button and get regular Coca-Cola. However, if you notice on the screen another set of options has branched out. That customer can now choose between a wide variety of specific flavors including: Vanilla Coke, Coke and Lime, Raspberry Coke, Cherry Coke, Orange Coke, and Cherry Vanilla Coke. To get any of these flavors, you simply touch the option that you want and then go to the same button that you used

for the Coke and that flavor option will be what comes out.

Coca-Cola isn't the only one either. Diet Coke, Coca-Cola Zero, Sprite, Sprite Zero, Fanta, Dasani, and many others all are options and have their own flavor options within them. This leads to over 100 choices of drink flavors a person can choose from, and it all comes out of the same nozzle. That's some pretty nifty technology. People can still get the drinks cold though, as ice is provided by simply pressing a handle that is in the back of the area where the drinks come out. So people can have their ice and beverage all from the same machine and not move at all. The only drawback it seems is lines forming, because a person isn't sure which flavor they want to get. However, with so many flavors, there has to be one that is right for you.

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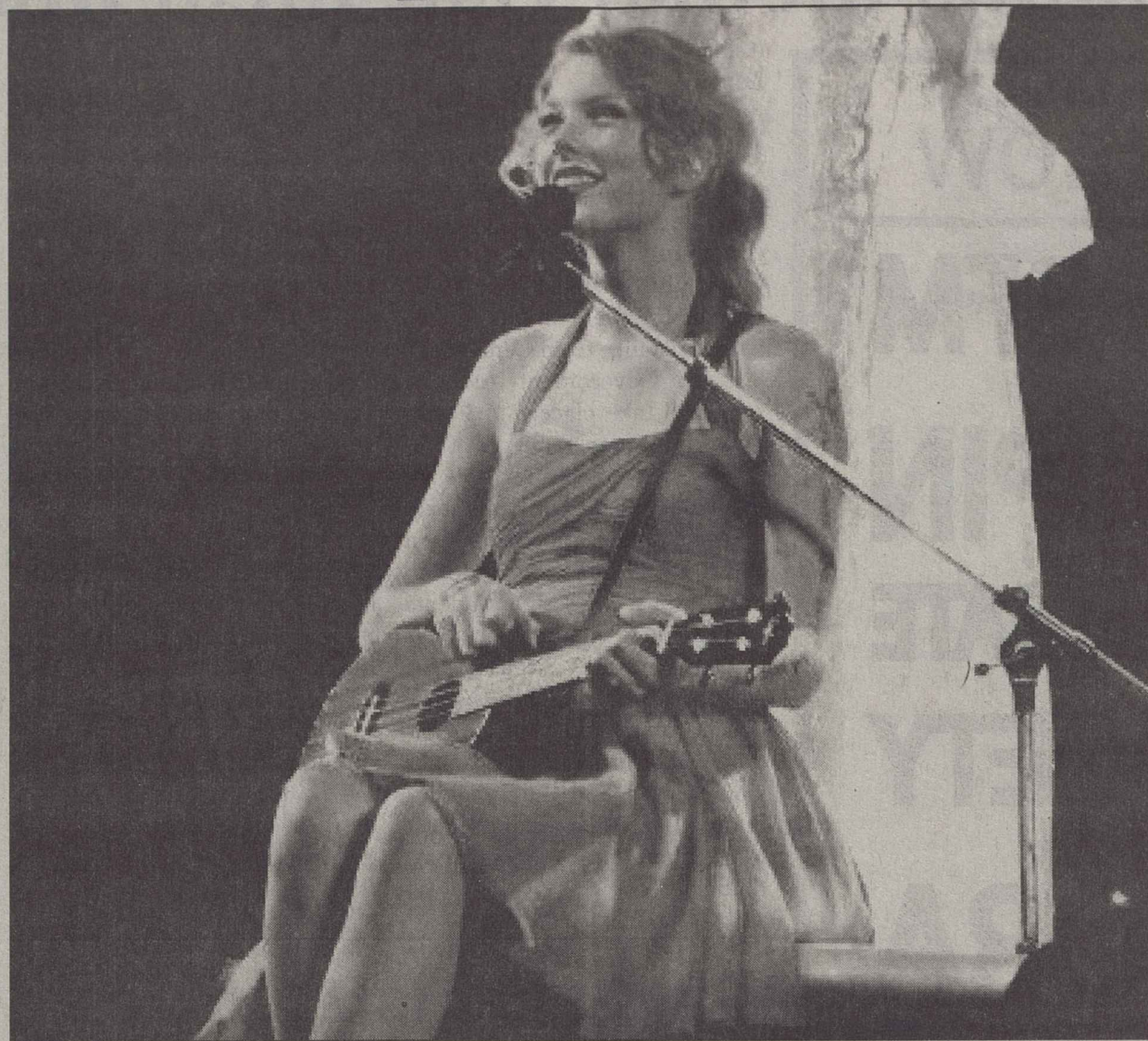
Op/Ed: Taylor Swift brings "Speak Now" tour to Shreveport-Bossier City area

Zoe McSwain
Staff Writer

On September 20, 2011, Taylor Swift performed at the CenturyTel Center in Bossier City, LA. This concert was a part of her highly anticipated "Speak Now" tour.

Opening for Taylor was up-and-coming country singer Charlie Worsham, who was discovered through YouTube. He performed five songs, one of which was an endearing rendition of "I Want Candy". After Worsham, the band Need To Breathe performed. The South Carolina band, whose first album came out in 2006, entertained the crowd with some lively Christian rock songs. Both acts were good openers for Swift, combining the rock and country elements that make her music unique.

Swift started out her show with a fan favorite, "Sparks Fly," which is on her album, "Speak Now." Overall, she performed all but one song from "Speak Now." She made sure her fans were never bored, changing the stage scenery in between each song and even doing a cute acoustic cover of "Lucky" by Britney Spears at one point. 12,000 people showed up to the concert (as estimated by Swift herself) and not one of them seemed disap-



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pointed. She even performed two encore songs: "Fifteen" and "Love Story," both from her second studio album "Fearless."

As a die-hard Taylor Swift

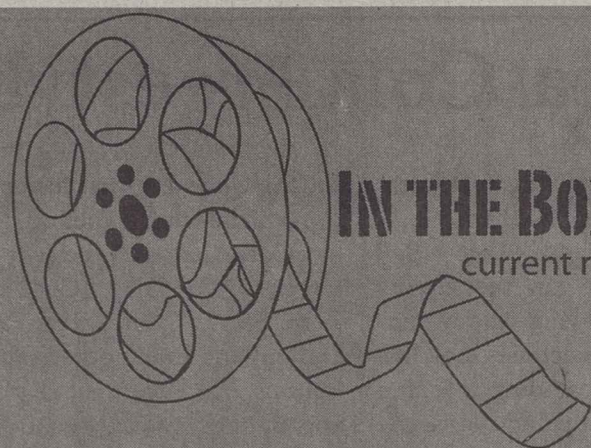
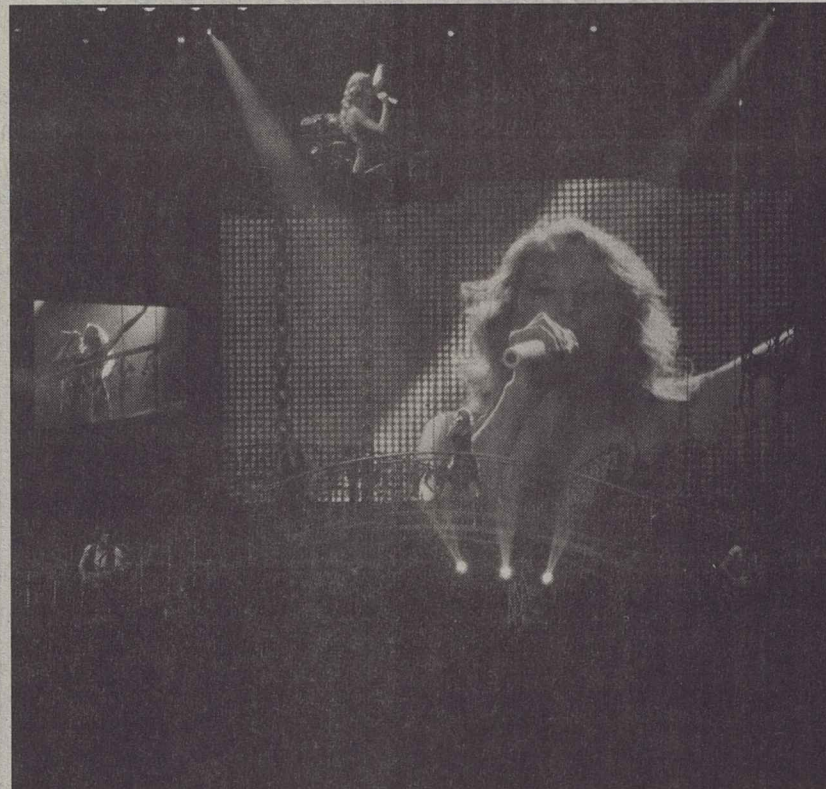
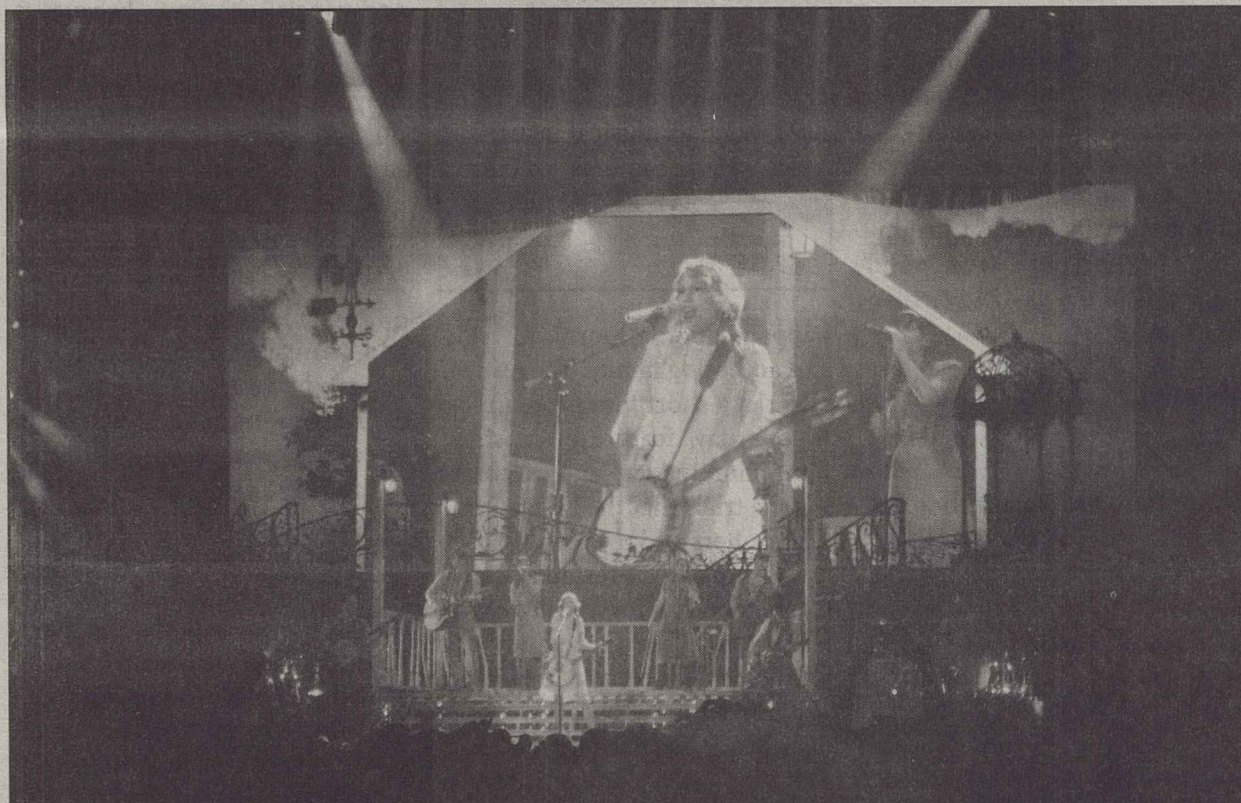
fan, I felt a little compelled to throw my own opinion in here. I was blown away by this concert. It completely exceeded my expectations, and I would go

again in a heartbeat. Swift knows exactly how to cater to her fans—she put a lot of thought into her performances, giving each of her songs a theme and making

sure to not just let the whole show be about her. She let her backup singers, backup dancers, and band take the stage at many points in the show in order to flaunt their amazing talents. Also, halfway through the show, Taylor jumped off the stage and walked to a giant platform in the middle of the arena where she performed for 15 minutes. That was quite a treat for me, since it was about 20 feet from where my seat was!

Taylor made sure to treat every song with special care, and contrary to popular opinion, her singing was top notch. I would have liked to hear a few more songs from her debut album (she only played one: "Our Song"). Also, a few of the performances were a bit overblown; at one point a big Liberty Bell model was brought out on stage for Taylor to bang on. But besides these very small complaints, this concert was one of the best I've ever been to, and I'm not just saying that because I've been listening to Taylor ever since "Tim McGraw" came out. Even if you're not a huge fan, or if you don't really listen to Taylor Swift, I would recommend this concert just for the entertainment value alone.

Below: Swift kept concert-goers engaged by changing the stage between each song.



In theaters this weekend:

Abduction
Dolphin Tale
Dolphin Tale 3D
Killer Elite
Moneyball
Drive
I Don't Know How She Does It
The Lion King 3D
The Lion King
Straw Dogs
Contagion: An IMAX Experience
Contagion
Shark Night 3D
Columbiana
The Help

Now Playing and Coming Soon at The Robinson Film Center:

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Software Discounts: how students and faculty can take advantage of them



Christian Roberson
Staff Writer

Computer software and hardware are almost necessary now for any college student. But the price of these products tends to be extremely expensive. A generally necessary product such as Microsoft Office can cost up to \$500. The more specialized products, like Adobe After-

Effects, can cost about \$1,000. Luckily, there is a website that offers great discounts to schools, faculty, and students.

Digital River Education Services, Inc., or known simply as JourneyEd, is an organization that is able to offer academic versions of software to the education sector of the market. JourneyEd has partnerships with many corporations such as Google,

Microsoft, Adobe, Wacom, and others. As long as JourneyEd is able to prove to the corporations that the buyers of the products are involved in education, the goods are allowed to be sold at a low price.

The software discounts offered can be up to 85% off of the retail price. Microsoft Office Professional Academic 2010, which includes Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook, Publisher,

OneNote, and Access, is sold at the low price of \$99.95, a savings of \$400 from the retail price. But these savings are not only limited to software. The Wacom Bamboo Pen & Touch can be purchased for \$99 from JourneyEd, saving \$35 from the retail price. These deals are offered on a variety of products such as musical instruments, printers, cameras, calculators, and other tools one might

need on their college journey.

To get a piece of the deals being offered, all that is needed is a school ID card. Go to www.efollett.com/software. Create an account using a school email address and then send a scanned image of the ID card to JourneyEd. With the variety of products offered, any student or faculty member from any department should find useful deals on this website.

SGA UPDATE

Madeline Fechter
Viewpoints Editor

Last Tuesday, September 20, the Student Government Association met at 8:00 p.m. in the Whited Room for their weekly meeting.

Starting with last week's business, the Fast Cash Fund Resolution was brought back onto the table. The Fast Cash Fund will allow organizations chartered through SGA the ability to avoid the two-week resolution process for allocations of \$75.00 or less.

Before voting on the Fast Cash Fund, two amendments were made to the resolution. One amendment included the inability of the Centenary Medias to obtain Fast Cash Funds. The second amendment included the inability of an organization whose resolution failed before the Senate to apply for Fast Cash Funds.

With these amendments approved, the Fast Cash Fund Resolution passed before the Senate, allocating the Financial Committee \$800.00.

In new business, the SGA was forced to table the approval of the revised Honor Court Constitution, as their Chief Justice Reem Abo-Zahrah was absent.

Next, the Senate voted and approved the student liaison positions to the faculty committees. These included:

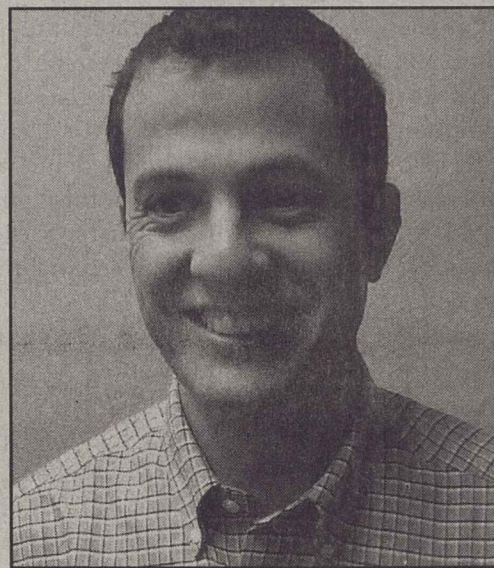
Convocation Committee: Audie Alger and La'Britni Jackson
Enrollment Policy Committee: Kaylee Harris

Diversity Committee: Merritt Harrelson
Intercollegiate Athletics Committee: Tate McIntyre and Julie Hughes
Institutional Effectiveness: Kyle Kraemer
Planning Committee: Lea Hair
Planning and Policy Advisory Council: Drew Burnham
Conduct Review (First Year): Jeremy Hall
Conduct Review (Sophomore): Collin Barclay
Conduct Review (Junior): Rachel Richardson
Conduct Review (Senior): Laura Immenschuh
Conduct Review (Senior): Adrienne May
Economic Policy: Jesse Gilmore
Planning Committee (Humanities): Nicolette Rogers
Planning Committee (Social Sciences): Mellynn Baker
Academic Policy Committee: Lea Hair

Finally, Vice President of Procedure Charles Madden presented a resolution to allocate \$2984.93 to the Media Society for their multimedia event on Thursday, September 29 at the Robinson Film Center. The Senate suspended their by-laws so they could vote on this allocation at the same meeting at which it was presented. The resolution then passed by a majority vote by the Senate.

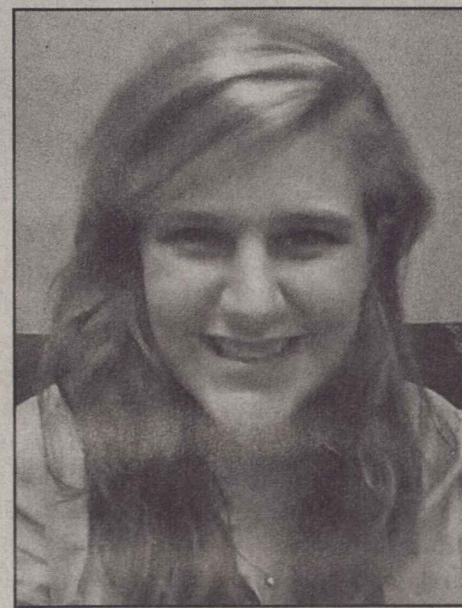
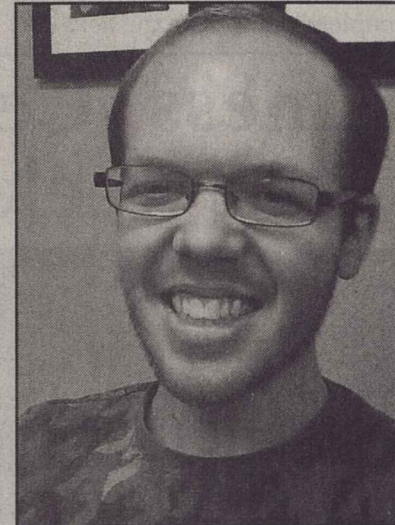
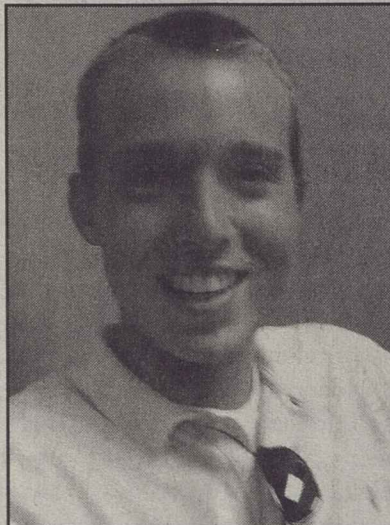
multiMEDIA is open to all Centenary students on Thursday, September 29 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Robinson Film Center. This event will provide light appetizers, music by A.J.

Haynes, and movie at the theater. Transportation will be provided for Centenary students by way of bus. This will be an opportunity for the media to publicize what they do with the hopes of getting more members.



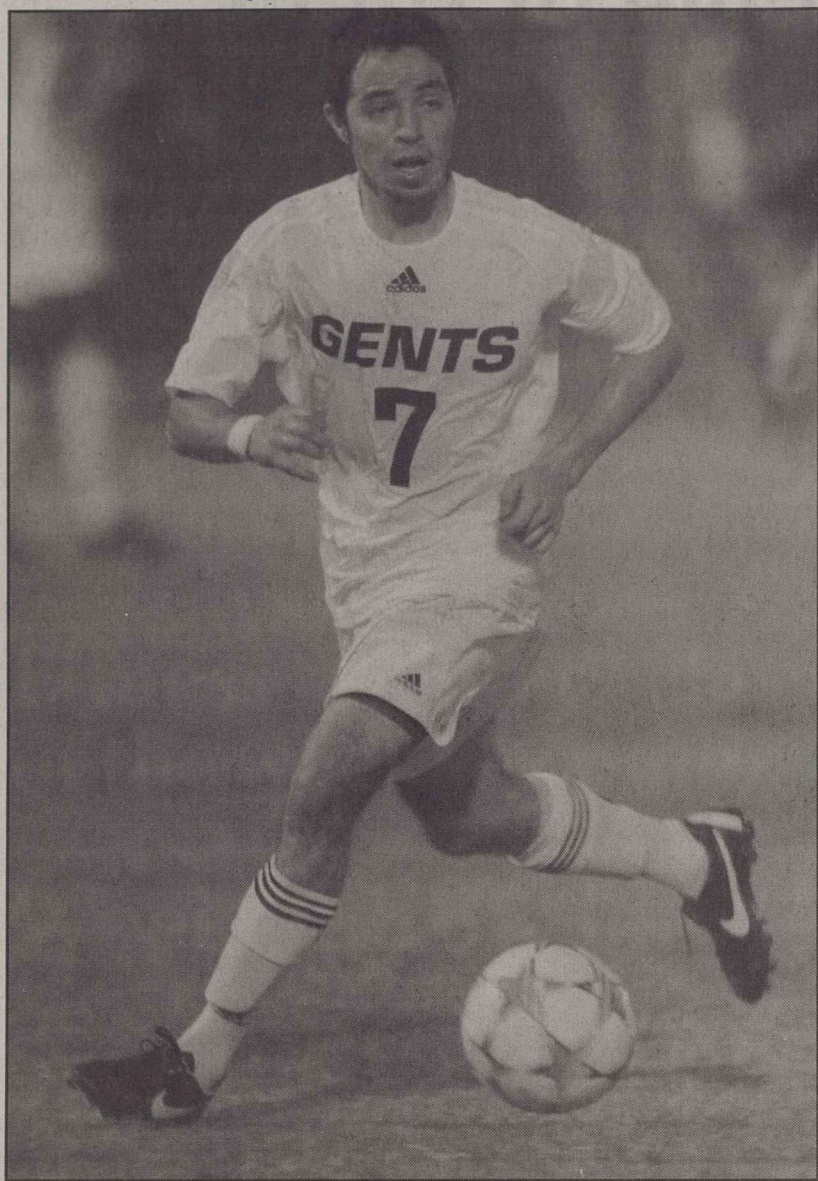
From Top to Bottom, Left to Right:

Dr. Christopher Ciocchetti;
Drew Burnham;
Kendall Hughes;
Charles Madden;
Dean of Students Mark Miller;
Madeline Fechter



SPORTS

Weekend of Sports Enjoyment for All



Andrea Violet
Business Manager

Courtesy of GoCentenary.com

Friday afternoon on Mayo Field, the number of fans in attendance was smaller than previous games, but it is times like these where the cliché "quality is better than quantity" comes into play. The fans that were in attendance were dedicated fans and provided the Gents support as they went on to win their game against Schreiner that afternoon.

The game was intense, with several shots attempted but no scores until 83 minute into the game when Senior Marcos Rodriguez' ambition and gumption led him to make it down the field and set up the goal which Freshman Kellan Klaus completed. An excellent start to the season for Klaus, whose first goal in collegiate soccer was a game winner on Friday afternoon.

It was a shutout Saturday on Mayo Field when the Gents scored 4-0 against Texas Lutheran. Both our offense and defense worked together, and as a cohesive unit, we were able to completely dominate the field on

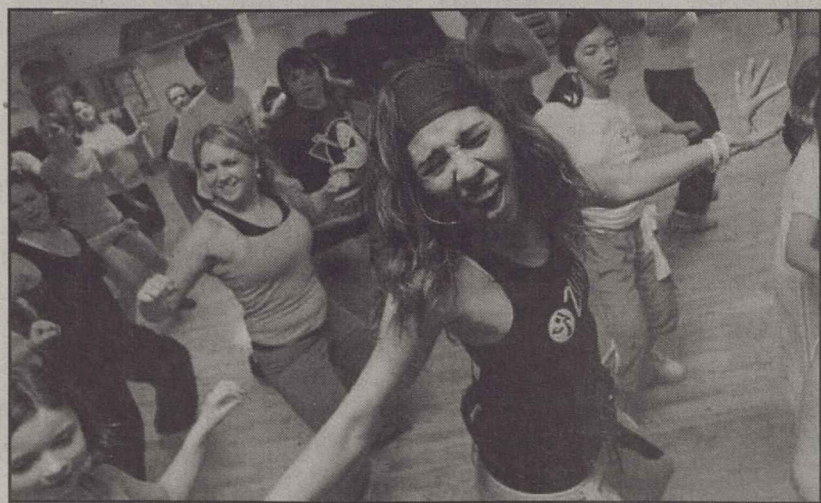
Saturday.

The Gents started it off at the 14 minute mark, with Freshman Gabriel Zahm scoring his second collegiate goal, assisted by Junior Adam Ghaemmaghani. Keeping up the pace, Senior Marcos Rodriguez scored, not even 30 seconds later, with an assist from Senior Ryan Christianson. This put the Gents at a 2-0 lead early in the game.

About 30 minutes into the game, Senior RB Asemine contributed his first collegiate goal, with a penalty kick for Centenary. He was followed not too far behind with another point scored by Junior Spencer Nickerson and assisted by Seniors Jihad Elaydi and Ryan Christianson, that goal also being Nickerson's first collegiate goal.

We are proud of our Gents for the hard work they put into the games this past weekend. It was a weekend full of firsts, and we will have many more wins to come for the Gents this season!

Fitness Center class of the week: "Zumba"



Rebecca Funderburg
Staff Writer

The Centenary Fitness Center expanded their group fitness class offerings at the beginning of the 2011-2012 academic year.

One of the new classes being offered is Zumba. Haley Young, Zumba certified instructor and Centenary alumnus, said,

"(The class) is an hour worth of straight cardio, all to Latin music and Latin dance moves."

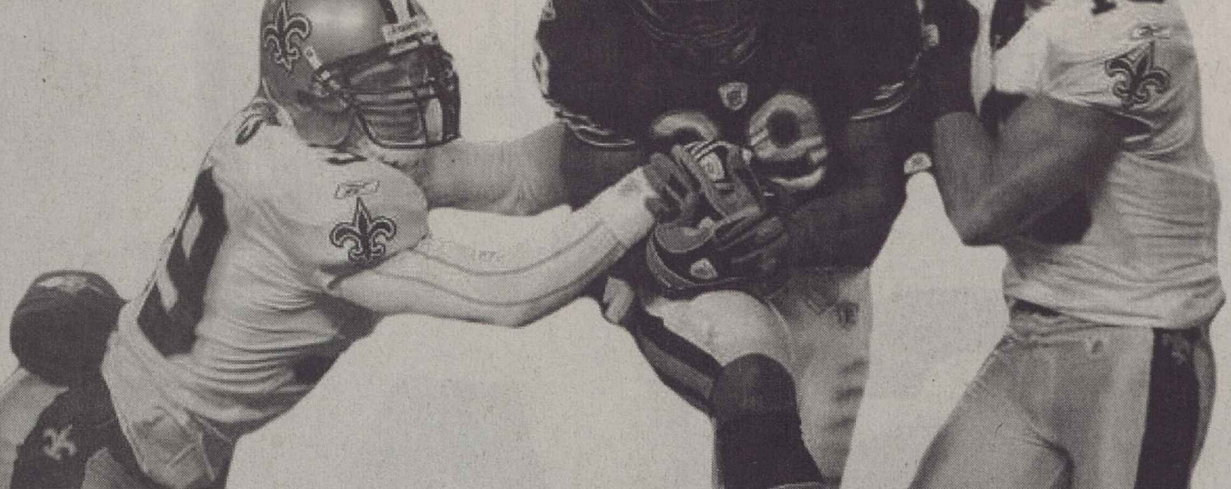
Young recommends the class for all fitness levels. She said, "It's a dance class you can take at your own pace."

The class, although it only just began, is already very popular among Centenary students.

Senior Macy Stockton said,

Week 2 Games Spark Entertainment for Weekend

The New Orleans Saints win 30-13 against the Chicago Bears.



Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

The Football world saw its fair share of thrillers and nail-biters this past week. First it was a battle of two division power houses, the Philadelphia

Eagles and Atlanta Falcons. The Eagles won week 1, and the Falcons dropped their first game of the season. It looked like the Eagles would be soaring again on Sunday night, but it was the Falcons that clawed out a close game with at 35-31 win. Another close game was the Dallas Cowboys on the road in San Francisco. The 49ers seemed to have control most of this game, but that changed when Dallas sent the game to overtime and won on a field goal to steal a 27-24 victory while on the road. Another game that ended in the difference of

a field goal was the Buffalo Bills over the Oakland Raiders 38-35. The Washington Red Skins jumped to 2-0 with a one point win over Arizona 22-21. Denver also won 24-22 over the Cincinnati Bengals to wrap up the high stress games of the week.

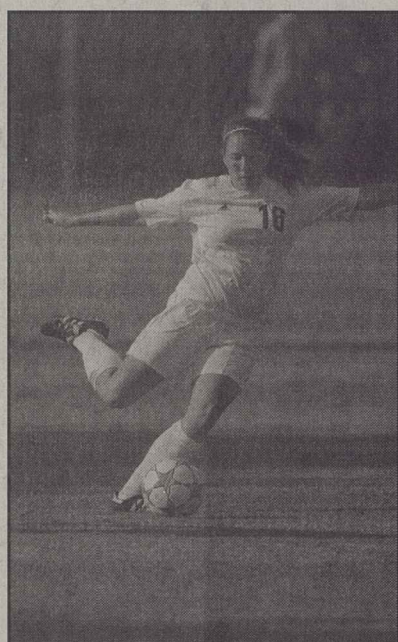
Green Bay took care of business this week and moved up to 2-0 with a 30-23 win against the Carolina Panthers. The New Orleans Saints opened at home with a win over the Chicago Bears, 30-13 after dropping an offensive battle in Green Bay last week. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers topped the Minnesota Vikings 24-20 and the Indianapolis Colts continued to struggle as they fell at home verses the Cleveland Browns.

While there were plenty of close thrillers this week, there certainly was a fair share of blow-

outs. The Detroit Lions won 48-3 over the Kansas City Chiefs and the Pittsburgh Steelers bounced back from a blowout last week to shut out Seattle 24-0. The New York Jets rolled at home against Jacksonville 32-3.

Wrapping up the box scores this week was a New England Patriots team cruising at home against the San Diego Chargers 35-21. The Houston Texans continued an undefeated season with a big 23-13 win on the road against the Miami Dolphins. The Tennessee Titans played well this week too, claiming a victory over the Baltimore Ravens 26-13. The New York Giants and St. Louis Rams played Monday Night, but this week has indicated that it's anyone's year. There seems to be some early favorites, but anything can happen.

Ladies dominate the soccer field during weekend games



Ellen Orr
Staff Writer

The ladies played two successful games last week against Schriener University and Texas Lutheran University. This means the team is 2-0; undefeated in conference play.

Friday was a hot day on

Mayo Field as the Centenary Ladies fought for a win against Schriener University. At the end of the first half, the score was 0-0. Then another 45 minutes passed, and still, no goals were made. The game went into double-overtime, with the "Golden Goal" rule intact: the first goal would win, with two ten-minute intervals if necessary. After the first ten, no goals were scored, but level of play had dramatically increased for the Ladies. In the next ten, junior Holden Penney took on the keeper one-on-one after receiving a pass from freshman Carly Slovensky. Penney scored the goal, ending the game.

The following day, the Ladies were back on the field, tired but excited to play Texas Lutheran. In the first half, TLU managed to net one goal, but the Ladies quickly caught up, with senior Laura Immenschuh evening the score with a penalty kick, the result of a foul in the box. The second half was played almost

entirely on Texas Lutheran's side of the field. Junior Traci Lee made a great assist into Penney, who passed the ball into the goal. Freshman Hannah Pfannenstiel made a goal off of a rebound, her first collegiate goal (to see her reaction, watch the video footage on gocentenary.com).

These wins are being viewed as a strong start to a successful conference season. "We've never been two-and-oh within our conference since I've been here at Centenary," said senior Candace Rushing, "so it's good to get started off on the right foot."

The Ladies have two games this week, both are away. They play Louisiana College on Thursday at 5 p.m. in Pineville, and Mississippi College on Saturday at 2 p.m. in Jackson. If you can't attend these games, be sure to check out the live scoreboard featured on gocentenary.com.

"It's one of the most fun workouts I've ever done."

Freshman Paige Prichett said, "(It's) really good to see boys here even though it's dancing."

Freshman Michael Nguyen said, "(I) feel really secure by the end of class."

Junior Jeridan Green said, "(It's) a really fun workout."

Freshman Emma-Claire Hughes said, "(It's) really awesome."

The class is so popular it will be moved into the gym whenever possible to accommodate

more students. On days when the class is held in the aerobics studio, however, the class will be capped at 25 participants, so come early.

Zumba* takes place on Monday and Wednesday from 6:00-7:00 pm; however, due to space restrictions you will need to be in the Fitness Center by 5:45 pm.

As with the other group fitness classes at the Centenary Fitness Center, Zumba* is open and free to anyone with access to the fitness center. This includes Centenary students,

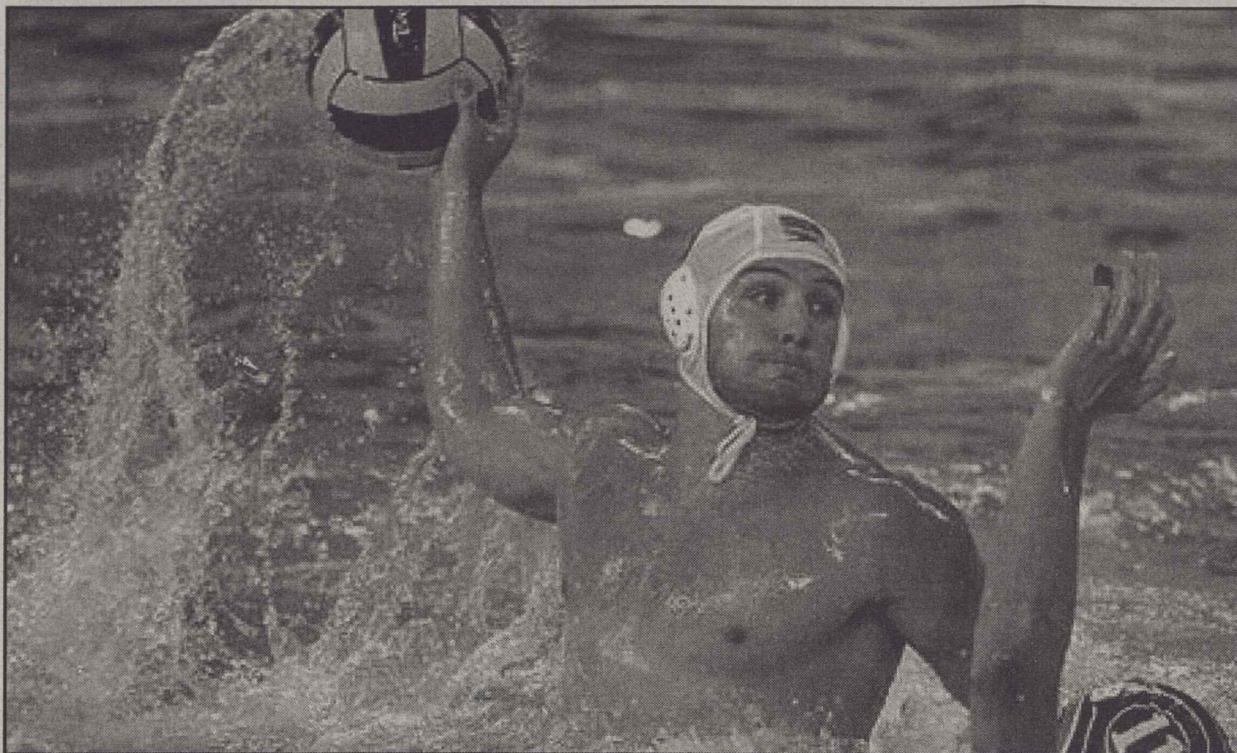
Centenary staff/faculty, and Centenary fitness members.

A complete fall 2011 group fitness center class schedule is available at the fitness center front desk or online at Centenary College of Louisiana Fitness Center webpage.

For more information about Zumba*, any of the other group fitness classes, or gaining access to the fitness center, contact the Centenary College of Louisiana Fitness Center at (318) 869-5060.

SPORTS

Water Polo creates ripples for Intramurals Soccer fans



Christian Prince
Staff Writer

At the end of the 2010-2011 school year it was stated that there would no longer be intramural soccer here at Centenary College. Instead, inner-tube water polo would become part of the intramural sports tradition here at Centenary.

A recent interview with Mr. Justin Cash, Manager of Wellness Marketing and Intramural Sports at Centenary College, has revised this statement. As the 2011-2012 intramural sports season gets underway, it has been said that water polo will definitely be a sport and soccer is a still a possibility. To decide whether or not there will be soccer will depend mostly on how much time is available in the year.

When Mr. Cash was asked why he was considering bringing soccer back he replied, "Part of it was listening to students

and what they had to say." He values the opinions of those that will be participating as well as supporting the intramural sports system.

On the topic of inner-tube water polo Mr. Cash said, "I wanted to try something new." Both men and women will be eligible to play water polo. It has not been determined if there will be a co-ed league or separate teams for men and women.

The rules of inner tube water polo appear to be very simple. Only half of the pool is used. There will be a goal on each end of the playing area with a keeper in each. The keeper is the only player allowed to get out of an inner-tube during a game. All other players are required to be in a tube. A player can only move without the ball. The rules are similar to that of Ultimate Frisbee. According to Mr. Cash water polo has been growing in intramurals for years.

Centenary College senior Tre Thomas said, "I would totally go

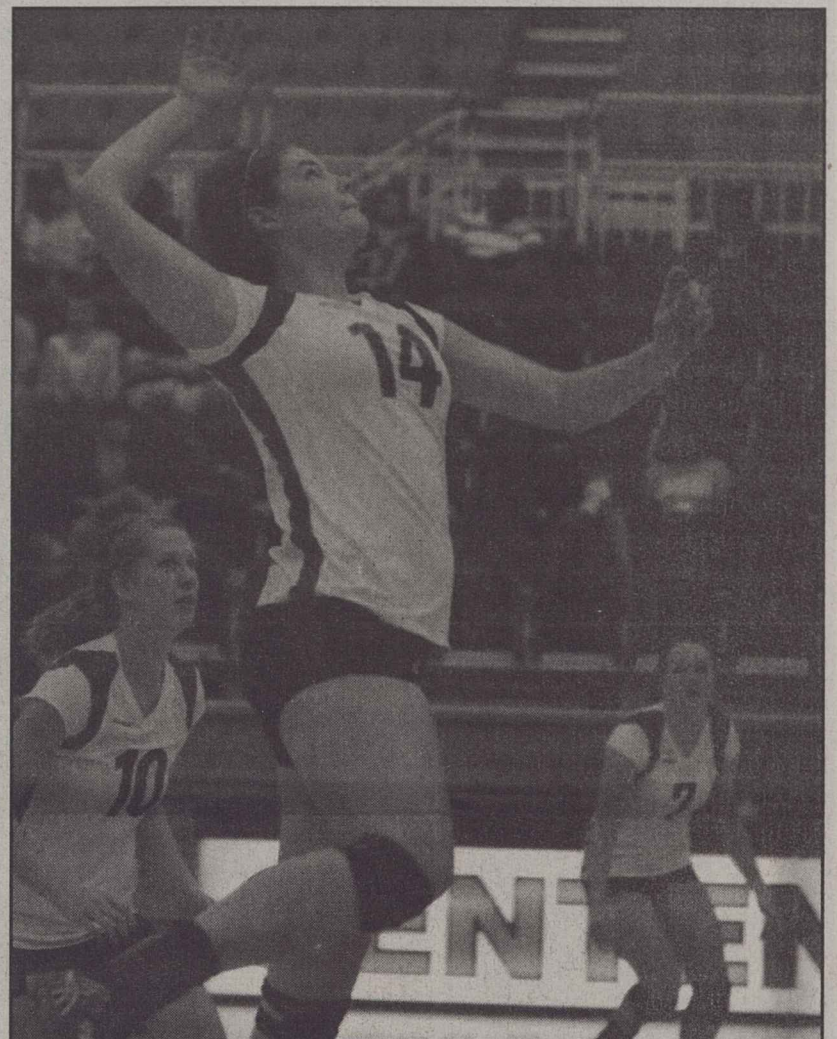
watch water polo because soccer is far too common." Jessica Bato, a sophomore, also said "I would prefer water polo."

There are still students out there that hold an interest in soccer as well. In previous years soccer was played 11 on 11. This provided a small number of teams, and the competition and fun factor was not really there.

Therefore this year if soccer is played, there will be either teams of 5 on 5 or 3 on 3. Mr. Cash said, "It hurt my feelings," to have to think of cutting soccer. There are still several students that have an interest in playing soccer and Mr. Cash is doing his best to accommodate those interests.

This mainly depends on time availability. Water polo will be in season after softball. If soccer is played, it will be during this time as well. Having a definite yes in regards to water polo, and soccer as a strong possibility, this spring's intramural season should definitely be interesting.

Volleyball Opens Strong on Opening Weekend



Steven Finley
Sports Editor

Courtesy of GoCentenary.com

The Centenary Volleyball team opened up their first home game of the season this past weekend with a five game match against the University of New Orleans. It was a tough match but the Ladies pulled it off winning the match three to one.

During game one the Ladies struggled a little bit, as at first it was a pretty even match. Each team would make a point one right after another making the game a stalemate for the longest time. Toward the end Centenary picked up momentum and pulled ahead winning the first game 25-20.

The second game was not so kind to the Ladies though. It started about the same as the first one with Centenary and UNO neck and neck for a large part of it. Then UNO pulled ahead and started scoring left and right. The Ladies weren't going to give up so easily though. The attempted a daring come back but fell short as UNO regained steam and got the few points they needed to win 21-25.

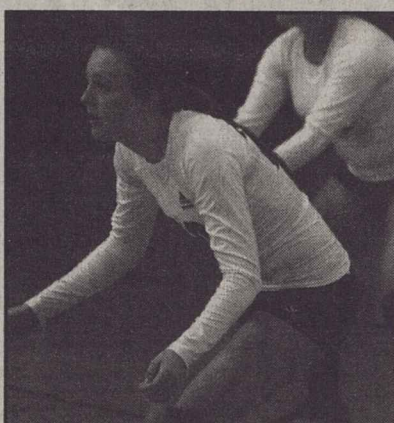
The third game was the best out of all the ones played that night for Centenary. It started slow like the first two with each team staying pretty even with

one another and then the Ladies just had a burst of momentum. They broke away for the tied game and started scoring left and right. UNO managed to keep up for awhile but the ladies left them in the dirt as they climbed up the score board to win 25-14.

The final game of the night was by far the closest and most intense game of the night. This game saw a tie for a large majority of it with neither team backing down. UNO was able to pull ahead by about 7 points at one point but the Ladies weren't giving up yet. In spectacular fashion they closed the gap even as UNO put a few more points on the board to tie with UNO at 24-24. This had the entire stadium on their feet. With anticipation rising and the game almost to a close Centenary served the ball and one play after another they struck down UNO to win 26-24 in the final game making them the winners of the match as a whole.

If students want to see them in action again there are two games that are going to be in the Gold Dome this weekend. The first is Friday at 7pm against UT-Dallas and the second one is on Saturday at 2pm against UT-Tyler.

Athlete of the Week: Brooke Bahlinger



Steven Finley
Sports Editor

Sport: Volleyball
Classification: Freshman
Position: Outside Hitter
Hometown: Prairieville, LA
Major: History
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Sports Team: LSU TIGERS!!!!
Favorite Restaurant: Albasha
Favorite Musical Artist: Kenny Chesney

Favorite TV Show: Pretty Little Liars

Favorite Movie: Burlesque

Hobbies: Beach volleyball, watching movies, being the team and friends

What do you plan on doing after graduation: attend law school
People you look up to: I look up to my parents especially because they are the ones who made me the person I am today. I also look up to Jaclyn Lopez as an outside hitter. She has the smarts I'm hoping to gain from experience at Centenary.

When did you start playing or getting involved in your sport and why: I started playing volleyball my eighth grade year. I got involved in a club called Capitol City from Baton Rouge. My interest in volleyball started with my mom, because she played in high school. What goes through your head as you prepare for every game:

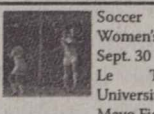
Preparing for every game involves getting focused. Chelsea Petska introduced a prayer that we say before every game now. The main thoughts going through my head before each game is goals I need to accomplish to help my team be successful. What is your most memorable moment in your career: The most memorable moment of my career was playing in the State Tournament my senior year. The thrill of the crowd gave me instant goosebumps and I will never forget that experience. What is your least favorite thing about your sport and what is your most favorite: There's nothing I don't like about volleyball. There's no other feeling I love better than playing volleyball. My favorite part of playing is getting kills. If you could sum up your life in one song what would it be: I hope you dance-Lee Ann Womack

What advice would you give

younger athletes in your sport: The advice I have for younger athletes is to overcome making mistakes. With any sport, this can make or break an athlete. Mistakes will be made, but the faster you can get over them, the better you can perform. Name three things you own that describe you: Spandex, LSU sweatshirt, Godiva gift card
What is your most over used word or phrase: "Is that a joke?"

High School academic accomplishments, rewards or honors societies: Academic All State, 15th in my class, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta
High School sports accomplishments, rewards, and placements: Track- District champion in 800 meter and State Champion in 4x400 meter relay. Volleyball- 1st team all district junior and senior year

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

September 23	September 24	September 25	September 26	September 30
 Volleyball Sept. 23 UT-Dallas Gold Dome 7:00pm	 Volleyball Sept. 24 UT-Tyler Gold Dome 2:00pm  Soccer Women's Sept. 24 Mississippi College at Jackson, MS 2:00pm  Cross Country Men's & Women's: Sept. 24, @ Gator Run Lee Hedges Stadium, 8:00am	 Soccer Men's Sept. 24 Mississippi College at Jackson, MS 4:00pm  Golf Men's Sept. 25 LSU Southern Trace CC - Shreveport, LA 8:00am	 Golf Women's Sept. 26 UL-Monroe at Bayou Desiard GC - Monroe, LA TBA  Volleyball Sept. 30 McMurry at Abilene, TX 12:00pm	 Soccer Women's Sept. 30 Le Tourneau University Mayo Field 5:00pm  Soccer Men's Sept. 30 Le Tourneau University Mayo Field 7:00pm

VIEWPOINTS

Orange Leaf: “the best fro-yo I’ve had”



Daniel Proveaux
Assistant Layout Editor

Have you ever been in the mood for frozen yogurt and the machine in the caf just does not satisfy that yearning? Now imagine that there is a place with the best way to avoid the soupy, funky colored ooze that slowly pours out when you pull the handle on the yogurt machine in the caf. This wonderful Narnia is called Orange Leaf. Orange Leaf is a new restaurant that special-

izes in frozen yogurt.

When I first walked into Orange Leaf, I looked around and thought that the place looked pretty bland. However, the woman at the front counter immediately greeted me and happily explained how everything worked.

You are given an option of two sizes of bowls to dispense your yogurt in. You are then allowed access to the yogurt station to choose whatever flavor yogurt, or yogurts, you want. Orange Leaf offers many tradi-

tional flavors like vanilla, chocolate, strawberry, as well as many untraditional flavors like cake batter and pumpkin.

With more so many options, I decided to go with cake batter, brownie batter, and a little bit of peanut butter yogurt.

Next you walk over to the toppings. There you are able to choose fresh fruits, cookie crumbs, crushed candy, and many other great things.

On top of my yogurt, I put a few sprinkles of Butterfinger

and a few Reese's cups. Once you have everything your heart desires on your yogurt, you move to the register to pay. To do so, you place your bowl on the scale and you are charged per ounce.

When I went, it was around 3:30 p.m., which is happy hour at Orange Leaf and I got a discount, which is always nice.

Hands down, I would have to say that Orange Leaf has the best frozen yogurt I have ever had. With a wide variety of flavors and toppings, I would rec-

ommend this place to anybody I know. Once you have had Orange Leaf, you won't even notice the machine in the caf anymore.

Orange Leaf has a page on Facebook that they fill with updates and promotions regularly, so log on and like it so you can keep up with all the great deals.

Presidential Candidate Spotlight of the Week: Rick Perry

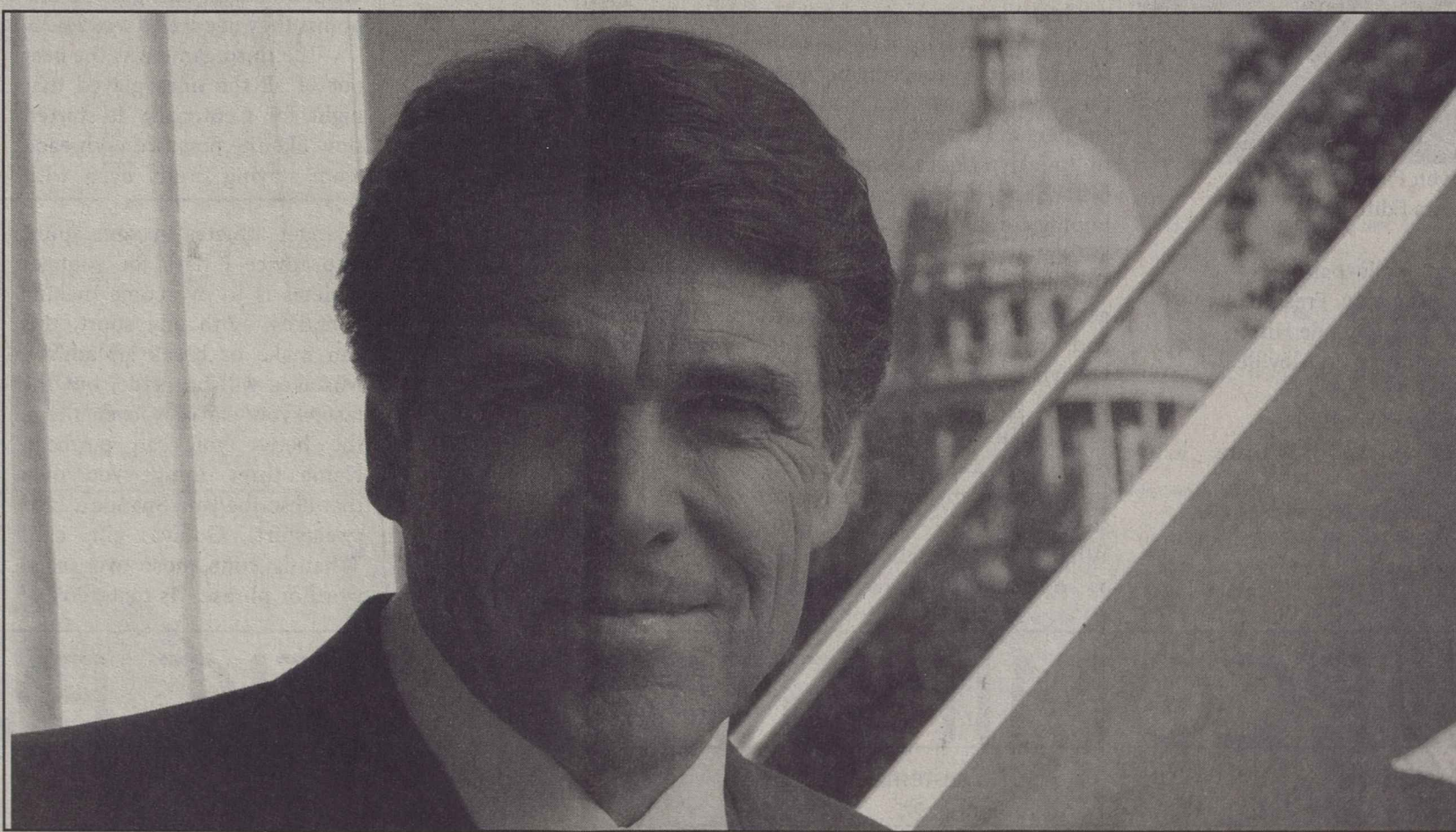
Andrea Violet
Business Manager

Week two of the presidential candidate spotlight series has us now focusing on the primary front runner against last week's spotlight candidate, Mitt Romney. Rick Perry, the current governor of Texas, according to the Gallup Poll is now the frontrunner even though he was a late entry into the race.

Perry, a former Air Force captain, has never once hidden his desire to remain the governor of the Lone Star State. The sparse field of Republican presidential candidates, however, is what spurred his last-minute entry into the candidate race.

Perry graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in Animal Science, thus showing us that to be a successful leader, one does not necessarily have to have been in politics since childhood or be completely politically centered in order to be a successful political leader.

After graduation, Perry joined the United States Air Force and was discharged five years later with the rank of captain. He then went on, of



course, to become governor of Texas.

The most heavily criticized issue of Perry's campaign is his quest for “no fence for illegal immigrants,” and to open the doors of higher education to the children of illegal immigrants.

Perry said, “Those young minds [of illegal immigrants] are a part of a new generation of leaders, the doors of higher education must be open to them.”

Perry is also heavily criticized for referring to Social Security as a Ponzi Scheme,

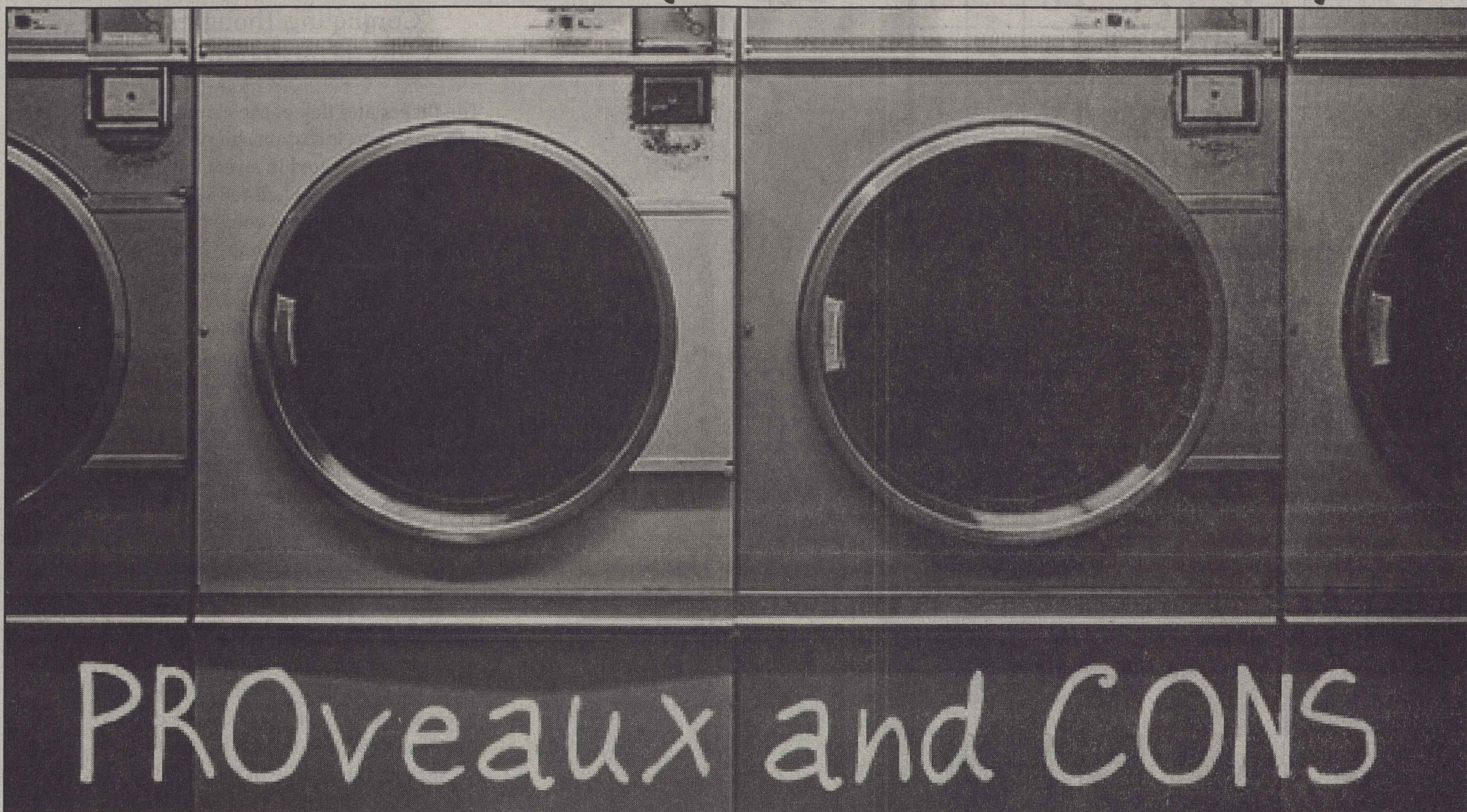
which is pretty synonymous with how the administration behaves. This may not have been the most “politically correct” way to phrase his views to the American public.

Perry appeals to social and fiscal conservatives, and is

extremely open regarding his faith, Methodism. Tune in next week when we do a spotlight on the next Republican candidate, third in the Gallup Polls, Ron Paul.

VIEWPOINTS

PROveaux and CONS: “Free” Laundry vs. Coin Laundry



Daniel Proveaux
Assistant Layout Editor

One of the perks of attending Centenary College is the luxury of having our washing and drying provided for us through our student fees. However, there are laundromats in close proximity to our campus.

Recently, a new laundromat has appeared on Kings Highway across from Centenary Square. I know when I first saw it I was confused as to why they would build one so close to Centenary.

Were they hoping to receive business from Centenary students, or the local community? I, along with a few students, believe that the location was chosen for the local community, not just Centenary students. Does that mean we shouldn't use it?

Having our “free” washing and drying is great and all, but there are several factors that would make the laundromat a godsend as well as a hell on Earth.

Most of the time when a student goes to the laundry room

in their respected residence hall, something is wrong and messes up all of their plans. Whether it is someone using all the machines at once, leaving clothes in the washer or dryer, or a machine out of order, it might just be easier to lug your hamper across the street.

But once you get across the street you have to deal with the locals, quarters, and waiting on your clothes to finish. If I had clothes washing or drying at any laundromat, I would watch them like a hawk for as long as it took

them to go through each and every cycle. I would be so afraid that somebody would steal my clothes if I were not there when the machine buzzed.

At Centenary, I can put my clothes in and go back to my room. I know that as long as I am smart and I put a timer on my phone for when the machine goes off, my clothes will be fine. Having our laundry room so close to our dorm room is easy. If I had to carry a hamper across the street, it would be the worst game of Frogger ever. Also, any

quarters I collect go towards getting a drink from a vending machine.

For now, I will let the new laundromat exist for the sake of the community. It's a good safety net for us students to have in case the final machine on campus breaks down, which they seem to be doing. Save up your quarters and make a dash across the road, or just be smart and keep track of your stuff and be respectful of the machines when you use the laundry rooms in your residence hall.

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Accounting	Andrea Violet	Sunday	9-11pm
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		Thursday	5-6:30pm
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		Thursday	7-9pm
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		Wednesday	7-9pm
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Sociology	Elizabeth Rosselli	Sunday	7-9pm
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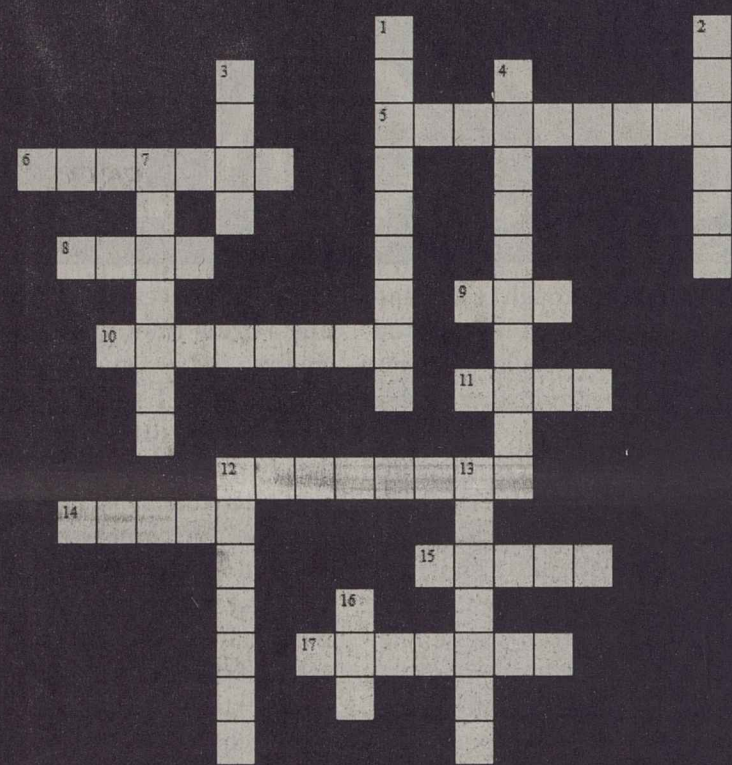
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6 My Horizontal Life
8 The Good Earth
9 Bossypants
10 Moby Dick
11 Junie B. Jones
12 St. Martin's Handbook
14 Charlotte's Web
15 The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
17 The Lord of the Rings

DOWN

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2 Twilight
3 A Million Little Pieces
4 The Great Gatsby
7 A Tale of Two Cities
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Answers to last week's

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7 Capncrunch
10 Cheerios



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by Jacob Robison

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The flicker and flak of the cannon's roar
Like a constant, incessant, humming snore.
His face is drenched in sweat and grime
Will he make it? Shall tell will time.
The Captain's orders come concrete,
"Defeat the Congs in their Cong-feat."
He thinks back to those waving days
So full of hope yet too of haze.
The mortar blast takes out a life
Damn ringing shell of utter strife.
Would she be there once he was too?
Would she wait, his dear doe Sue?
The quiet dark is far the worst
Who breaks silence, who dies the first?
How has he changed, how has he turned?
How his weary mind the war hath burned.
The blackest sky is then dyed dark
By crimson dreams of one man's mark
He saw it pierce his ally's skull
With such sharp force yet blade so dull
In mind they flee but body, wait
Not to discuss, not for debate
He wondered who was on the end
Of the barrel now slay his friend
Signed so to kill? Not he nor him
On AWOL edge, their mind, the brim
Why are we here? He asked in mind
What we seek brings death too fair kind.
The flaming sun peaks o'er the crest
But shan't it shine for them, the rest
Mangled bodies now at his base
Like butchered meat with unknown face
Offend, defend, all seems the same,
Mutual action with changing name
Fear not, this man did make it home
But not his mind now cursed to roam.
The war wears out more just than mind
Body, soul, heart, all of the kind,
The shock, the roar, the night, the day,
Will cease to fight if will you may.

Horoscopes

Andrea Labor

Aries (3/21-4/19) Kitsune and Kappa are conspiring against you. The leprechauns will probably let them right into your room, and no salt circle will be able to stop them. Especially since those deal with something completely different, and salt's really not on your side right now.

Taurus (4/20-5/20) Your week will consist of hunger, misery, and sleep deprivation. If you're lucky, all of these things will be avoided, but the cost may well be your dignity. Keep your chin up, your upper lip stiff, and your ducks in a row. Your unlucky animal, by the way, is indeed a duck.

Gemini (5/21-6/21) Just because you enjoy something doesn't mean that it will be easy. In fact, you can count on even more difficulties, possibly involving a rhubarb salad and pickles. Don't forget to spill the salt.

Cancer (6/22-7/22) The cactus is back, and you may have an unfortunate run-

in with a building. Bottles may not be your friends, nor orange juice your lucky beverage. Above all else, remember that smoking causes cancer.

Leo (7/23-8/22) If the Caf is serving burgers, get a garden burger. If there's meat sauce, get marinara. Cheese pizza is good, and salads are better. Always remember that mushrooms are a vegetarian's best friend.

Virgo (8/23-9/22) The turtles are on the move.

Libra (9/23-10/22) Your unlucky food of the week is cereal. Be it because it has gone stale, the Caf has stopped stocking the one you actually like, or the fact that you may be assailed by flying Fruit Loops, you are probably better off sticking with oatmeal.

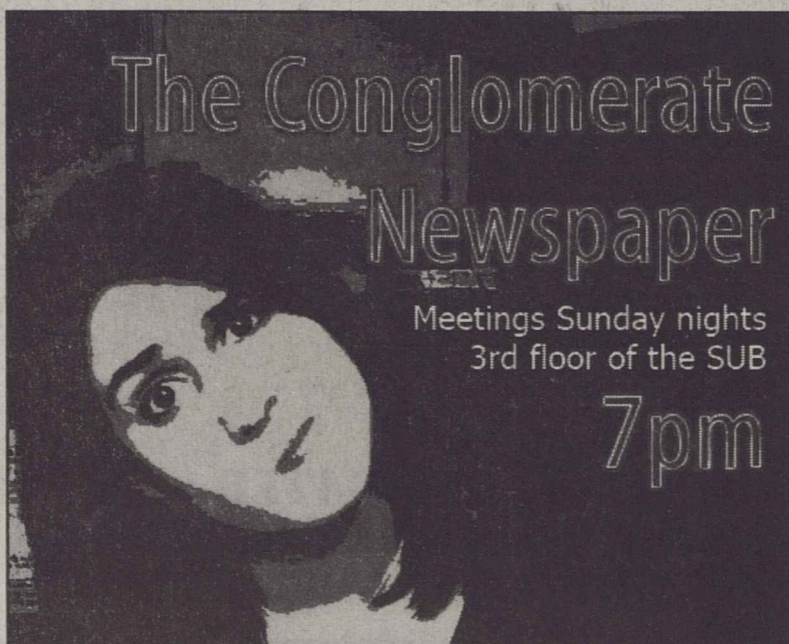
Scorpio (10/23-11/21) Someone is waiting for you, missing you... and quite possibly staring in your bathroom window. Arm yourself with a two-way ra-

dio and a nightstick, neither of which are a blade longer than your thumb, and expect many long nights.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21) A drawer has run over your shoe. Your foot may be next, or maybe even the stuffed rabbit you refuse to tell anyone about.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19) You are free to choose whatever you wish, but what you choose may not be of use. The forces of television, boredom, and friends will seek to distract you from your goals. Your only hope will be to slay your enemies with a pen and calculator.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18) If there was such thing as a Tony's and Pepper God, he would be smiting you as you read. Avoid both for the next week, or great calamity may surely strike in the form of an angry turkey. Your lucky number is green. Pisces (2/19-3/20) Your slippers may be planning on eating you.





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Students and Faculty Engage in Campus Recycling

Wilborn Nobles III
News Editor

There should be no surprise to students if recycle bins begin to appear across campus before Fall Break begins. According to Chris Sampite, Centenary's Director of Facilities, the facilities department is planning to express their interest in recycling accessibility by purchasing more recycling bins for the campus.

"I'm trying to make it really convenient for the staff as well as students," said Sampite.

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- Chris Sampite

The department of Facilities ordered at least 120 recycling bins to place inside the residence buildings as well as the areas outside. Trash cans will be placed alongside the bins to allow students to dispose of non-recyclable possessions such as food wrappers or eating utensils. By having these containers alongside each other, the task of recycling should be a lot easier for students. Sampite understands how students may feel discouraged to recycle if it means traveling a good distance just to discard something and hopes they will take advantage of the option to recycle. Days will



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be set aside where students can sort their recyclables and deposit them into a larger recycle bin for facilities to pick up.

"If we make it easy for people, they are more likely to do it," said Director of Residence Life Montgomery Mewers, "and then it's only a matter of what we throw away."

Mewers has heard that a major problem with recycling within the Centenary community is the lack of information regarding what exactly is recyclable. In fact, there have been many incidents where food or bottles containing liquids have been discarded within the current recycle bins which ultimately ruined the recyclables inside. Students will receive education on what is recyclable and what isn't via newsletters and emails.

According to Sampite,

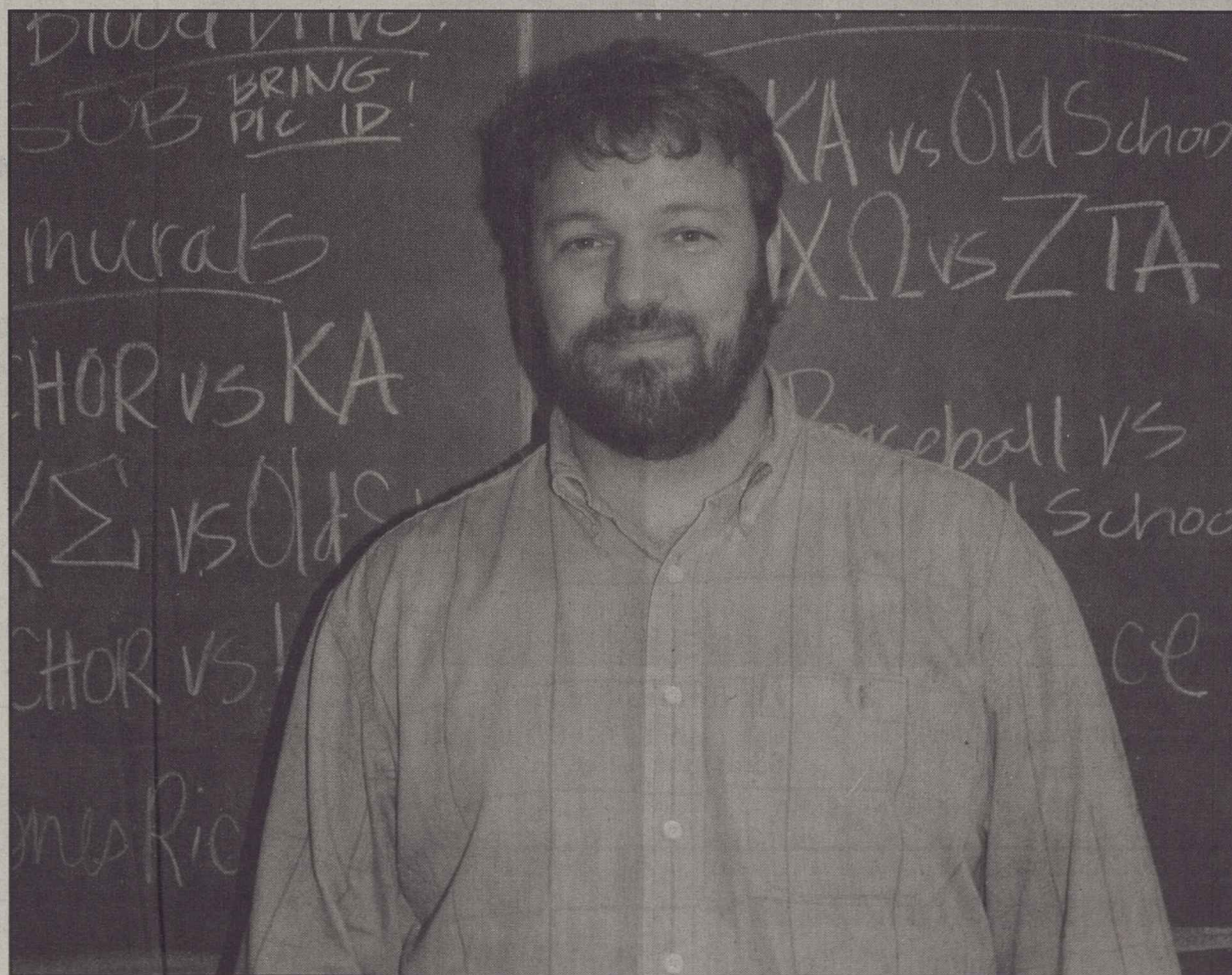
Dr. Jeanne Hamming, English Professor and Co-Director of the Sustainability LLC, is providing the Facilities department with promotional posters that will support the recycling program once it begins. Dr. Hamming has said that the posters will be designed to attract student tastes. For instance, one poster features the recycling symbol, the image of a man kicking, and the image of a donkey. According to Dr. Hamming, the image is meant to suggest that "recycling kicks you-know-what."

While the Facilities department is ready to engage in campus recycling, many students have actively participated in recycling for a long time. Junior student Andra Armstrong and her fellow members of the RHA provided residence halls and academic buildings with recycle bins during her freshman year.

Armstrong said she is excited to know the efforts put forth by her and RHA have been acknowledged by the Facilities department.

Sophomore student Bonnie Bernard has proposed a composting project that would recycle the plant-based food waste from the cafeteria to Centenary's Community Garden. According to Bernard, a "Composting Team" of seven students and one faculty member is already in line for the project. Although the program has yet to be approved by the administrators, Bernard said that any students that would like to know more should contact her at bbernard@my.centenary.edu. Students interested in the recycling program can also contact Chris Sampite at csampite@centenary.edu.

Mark Miller talks about Emerging Leadership Program



Dean of Students, Mark Miller

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Julia Puac
Website Manager

"I think we have some of the best, and we have some of the most involved student leaders at Centenary," says Mark Miller in an interview with him on getting to know more on the Emerging Leaders Program that he will be involved with. Mark Miller sees an incredible amount of poten-

tial in the new upcoming students and wants them to take on leadership roles.

Mark Miller wants to target this group by providing more advising and how-to building experience for those willing to take on those roles.

The group that he intends to work with will consist of ten new students, both freshmen

and transfers. The group will also require four returning upperclassmen. With this group of students, he wants to change the outlook of Centenary students and have a higher percentage of upper-classmen being able to look back after graduation and say that they contributed to the Centenary community.

"With this program in par-

ticular we have started a coalition of organizations with Healthy, Green and Into the Outdoors," said Miller.

With this Coalition, the group has received a fairly large

"I think we have some of the best and the most involved student leaders at Centenary."

- Mark Miller,
Dean of Students

grant, from outside of Centenary which pays for student fees that are usually \$500 per student. The program will serve as an advising and learning experience for students who choose this organization. The organization will create more prepared future presidents for student organizations such as CAB, SGA, and student media.

It will also work closely with LSUS kinesiology, Shreveport Green, Shreve-Care (a branch

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Letter from the Editor: “Free time”

Ashley Lynch
Editor in Chief

I, like many other students at Centenary, have an issue with finding “free time.”

By “free time,” I don’t mean enough time to eat or enough time to sleep—those are definitely issues of their own. I want to focus instead on time that isn’t allotted toward our ability to function or supporting any commitments that we have to other people, organizations, school, or work: time that, ultimately, allows us to do whatever we feel like doing with it (however silly that thing may be).

Personally, I’m a “trashy television” kind of girl. Sometimes, it helps for me to just record an episode of a show that I’m following (“Desperate Housewives” and “Real Housewives of ‘Jersey/Beverly Hills’” currently fit the bill), and set aside an hour to watch an episode before going on with my weekly schedule.

That hour makes a difference for me. It says, “I wanted to do it, and I did—despite how busy I am.” It reminds me of how in-control I am over the choices that I make and allows me to get my mind off of pressing issues, even if only for a short time.

In a class where I’m learning to prepare myself for post-graduation life, my professor told us that most workplaces are moving toward the

“24-hour job.” I’m familiar with this concept: changing economic times and the strengthening presence of “connection” has put most of the world in a state where we’re having to acquire more job skills for positions that interest us and remain glued to our personal communication devices in order to stay ahead of the competition.

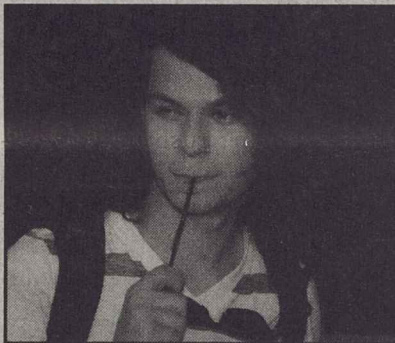
Such requirements don’t exactly support the presence of personal time—which is exactly why we should make an effort to keep it included in our daily schedules, especially during this time in our life that’s so often spoken of as “the best years.”

Fall break is coming up, which urges me to pose one simple request: whatever you’re doing, whether that’s losing your mind over an upcoming presentation, being forced to mingle at a family reunion, or redesigning the constitution for one of your organizations, see if you can make some “free time” for yourself.

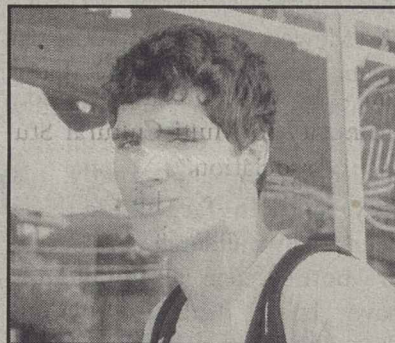
Find time to do whatever you want to do—watch some trashy television, take a walk at the park, dance in your underwear, immerse yourself in news outside of the Centenary bubble, catch a movie with an old friend, or whatever floats your boat—because, frankly, you won’t always have the time to do it.

Question of the Week

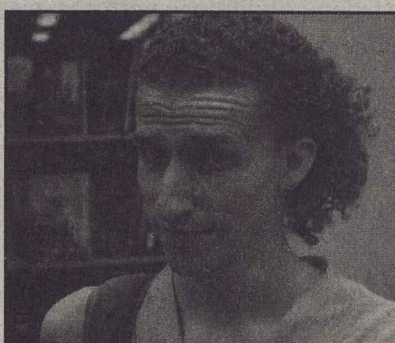
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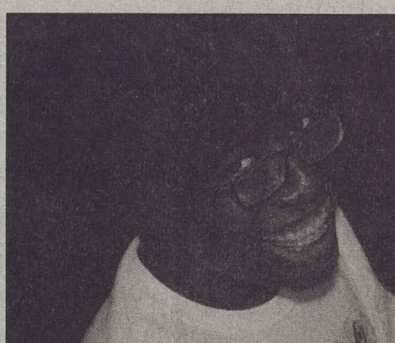
By staying sexy and getting lots of rest
Chris Goetz, Senior



I m not thinking about it.
Daniel Harr, Sophomore



I don t, but don t tell anyone
Gary Tubbs, Senior



Studying.
Jordan Perry, Freshman



Studying?
Amanda Spangler, Sophomore



It differs for each class.
Samantha Gray, Senior

R.A.D. rape aggression defense

A national self defense program that empowers women to develop and enhance their options of self defense

Classes starting soon!

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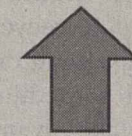
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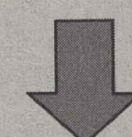
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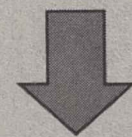
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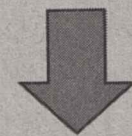
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Fitness Center Classes

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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7:15 am	-	Total Body	-	Total Body
11:15 am	-	ABS	-	ABS
Noon	Pilates	Yoga	Pilates	Yoga
4:35 pm	-	Mosley’s	-	-
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5:30 pm	-	Cycling	-	Turbo Kick
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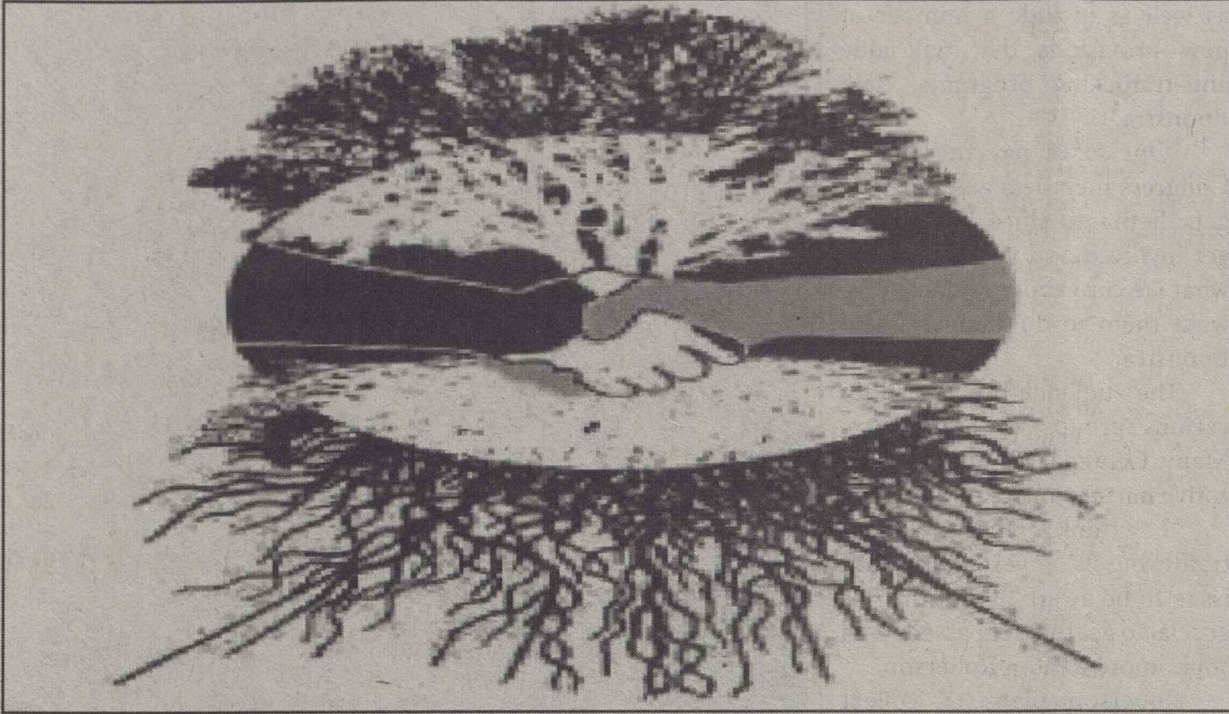
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Sat: Noon - 6pm
Sun: 2pm - 6pm

Pool Hours

Mon-Fri: 11am - 2pm
Mon Night: 8pm - 10pm
Wed Night: 6pm - 10pm
Sat & Sun: 2pm - 6pm

News

Organization Spotlight: Minority/Multi-cultural Student Association



Christopher Youngblood
Staff Writer

The Minority Student Association, one of Centenary's student organizations, is searching for students. This year they are looking forward to making a statement by being more involved on the campus and in the community. The motto they follow is, "Discovering our roots, defining our destiny."

On September 9, MSA held a meeting to all those interested in joining. Thomas Keys III, President of MSA, discussed the mission of their organization: "To create awareness of cultural diversity at Centenary."

Some of their upcoming project ideas include: planting a garden around Jackson Hall, having a talent showcase for Black History Month, and starting a trend called, "Fresh Fridays" where members will wear certain kinds of clothes, such as "pink" for Breast Cancer Awareness. They will also hold special

meetings known as "Honoring our Heritage" and "Speak out" where guests give lectures about issues regarding MSA.

They also plan to be part of the McDonald house, an organization that collects soda tabs to raise money for St. Jude patients. MSA will put various boxes around campus so that you can contribute your soda tabs for their cause.

MSA has received many good reviews. One freshman student said, "Being part of a group of people who understands more about issues that you struggle with is healthy."

One question that students have asked: "Will this just be a group for black people?"

There are a mixture of thoughts as to what a minority is.

A senior student of Centenary said: "People in this country have a very false definition of what it is to be a minority; people consider it to be 'looking different.' I consider myself a minority as a train of thought, not as a

race."

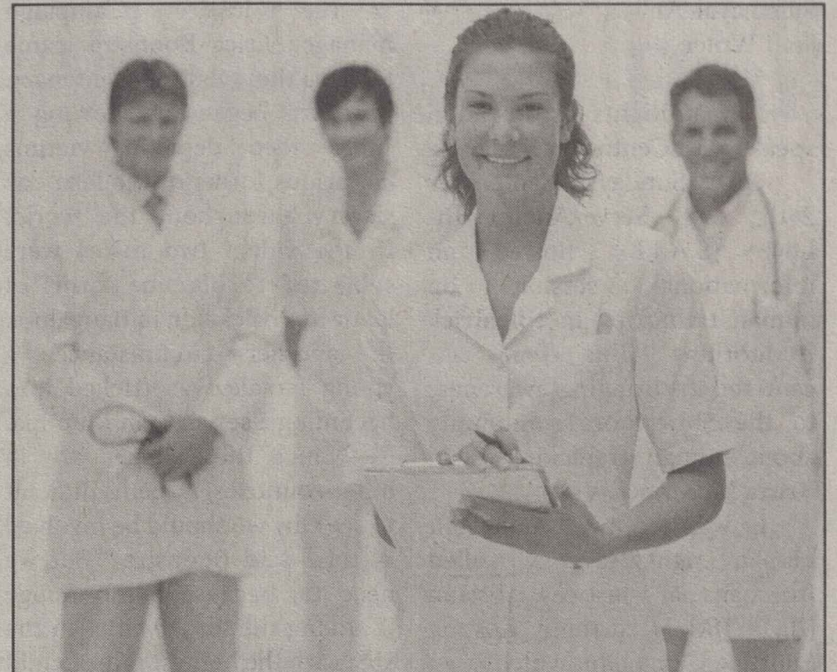
When a female sophomore was asked if she would feel like a minority within a minority by joining the MSA, the student said yes because "If you look at this from a Southern aspect, I am a half minority, but from a cultural standpoint, I am a full minority: European, native, Basque, and female."

When told about these comments, President Keys said, "The minority group was not created to separate ourselves, but to celebrate our cultures and who we are as a person [sic] no matter what racial backgrounds. We are on the works to change it from Minority to Multi-Cultural Student Association."

In reference to his definition of the word minority, Keys said: "Every person has been a minority in their lives; we focus on the cultural sense of minority."

If you are interested in joining MSA, contact Thomas Keys at tkeys@my.centenary.edu or Monica Powell (Staff Advisor) at

Career Corner: *Becoming a Doctor or Lawyer*



Chaeli Faught
Staff Writer

Going off to medical or law school was once considered a prestigious honor, but according to Elizabeth Garone, many newly minted attorneys and physicians face very little certainty in their chosen fields. Garone says, "Currently, law school applications are down 11 percent after two years of record highs, and placement rates are at their lowest in 15 years. Medical school graduates are seeing plenty of job openings, but in primary care and general surgery, both known for unpredictable hours and low pay."

According to Harvard University law Professor David Wilkins, "Those of you who are considering a law or medical degree shouldn't rush into a decision. People should think carefully about entering any kind of professional education program, especially one that takes several years and costs many, many thousands of dollars." For example, the starting salaries of more than 40 percent of new law school graduates fall below the \$65,315 that the American Bar Association says a new at-

torney must earn for a positive return on the law school investment. The medical student, who decides to choose primary care over a more profitable subspecialty, like urology or oncology, will forfeit about \$3.5 million over his or her lifetime, according to the American Academy of Family Physicians' Robert Graham Center.

So, what's the most important aspect about getting into med or law school? James Leipold, executive director of the National Association of Legal Career Professionals, says, "Grades and class rank matter more than ever now, even more so than the school's reputation and you should be trying to go to the law school where you will be ranked highest in the class, not going to the law school that is ranked highest. Even in a recession, no matter what school you go to, if you're at the very top of your class, you're going to do well in the job market."

"Becoming a Doctor or Lawyer." Elizabeth Garone.

Mark Miller talks from Page 1

of merit care), Once Great River, YMCA, and Camp Forbing.

Mark Miller believes that by including upper classmen in this organization it will lead to more peer-to-peer advising for the new students, and new students will be able to learn more from the upper-classmen's experiences, rather than just from an advisor's point of view.

The returning students will meet once each month to set up a curriculum for the school year. They will also go on retreats that will create teambuilding experiences for them.

The "Healthy, Green and Into the Outdoors" organization also has a separate high school branch that works with high school students in the same way but at a less intense level.

The organization that will be created at Centenary will face training on the college level and go to the same retreat areas as the high school branch but will go to them at different times.

To find out more information, e-mail Mark Miller at mmiller@centenary.edu and ask about an application.

Sigma Tau Delta

A nationally recognized honor fraternity for English majors is re-emerging on our campus!

Interest meeting (open to all English majors):

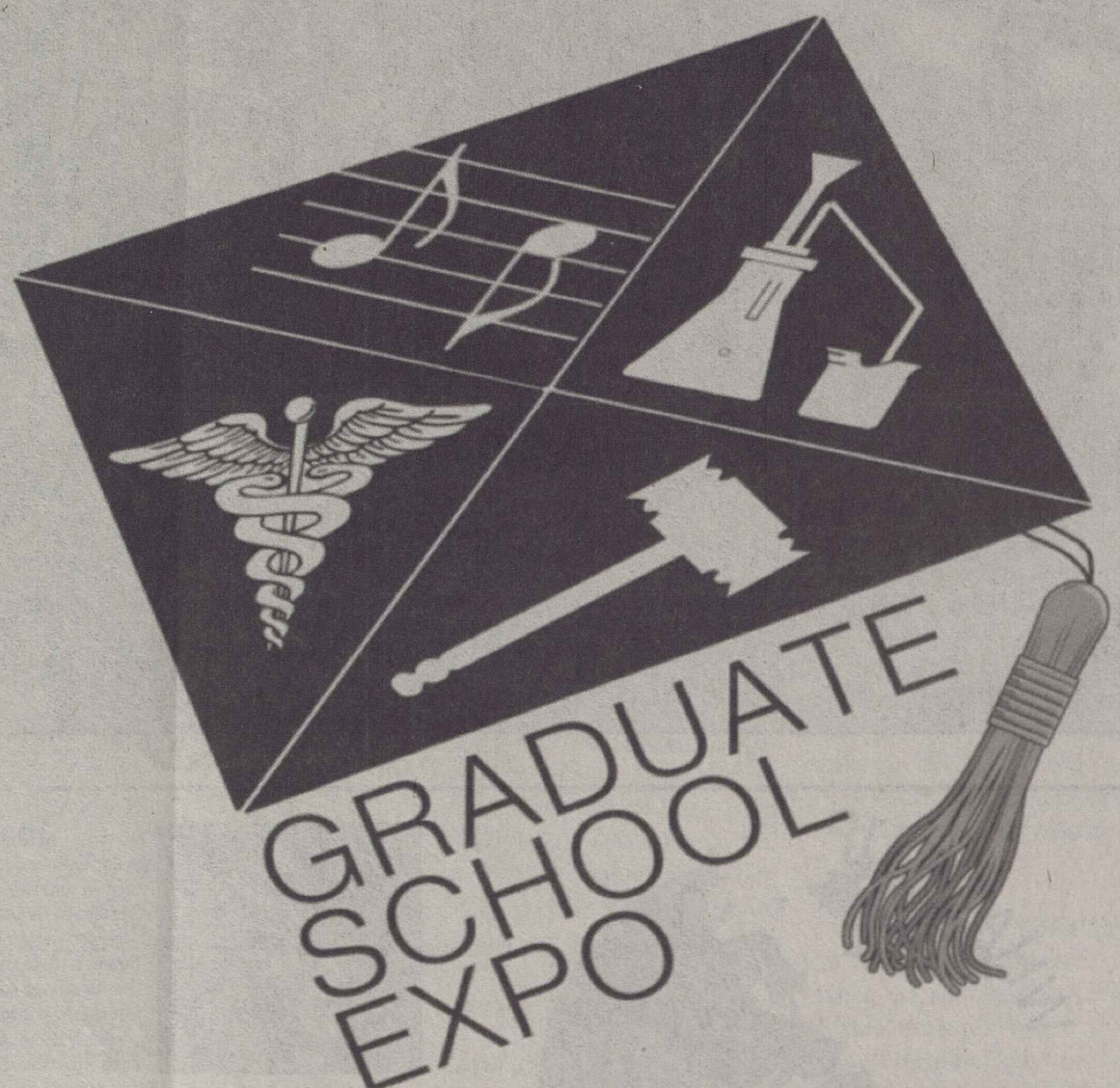
Thursday, October 6th

5p at Strawn's Eat Shop

on King's Highway, across from Centenary

Free pie for students in attendance!

Come find out what we would like to do this semester and how we plan on reinvigorating Centenary's chapter!



Tuesday, October 11, 2011

10:30am-1:00pm

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Students from all academic disciplines are invited to attend. This is an excellent opportunity for personal interaction with school representatives to find out about their application process, programs, and financial aid options.

News

Human Rights Organization speaks with Centenary Students about sex trafficking

Summayah Anwar
Staff Writer

Human Rights Organization speaks with Centenary Students
On Sunday September 26th, Serve-Another-In-Love (S.A.I.L.) hosted an informational session on human trafficking in Kilpatrick Auditorium. "This event was centered on bringing awareness to the Shreveport community about human trafficking," said Krista McKinney.

It was led by a nonprofit human rights agency called International Justice Mission (IJM). IJM is currently hosting a Justice Campaign, which is an effort to stimulate people from around the country to actively promote U.S. legislations that will eradicate all forms of modern day slavery.

"The purpose of Sundays visit to Centenary was to raise awareness of the modern forms of slavery as well as create a plan of action," said McKinney.

McKinney, a junior film and studio art major, began planning for this event over the summer. She came across IJM through the Internet, and found a volunteer IJM representative for Louisiana who would be able to bring IJM members to Centenary's campus.

"I felt that it was important to enlighten people on campus as well as in the community. I'm hoping some students will hear about this issue and go on fire with it. Human trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal businesses in the world. It is so easy to ignore it," she said.

The Justice Campaign manager, Erica Boonstra, came to host the event at Centenary. Boonstra began by showing a short video, depicting victims in various forms of modern day slavery throughout the world. In the video, two males were subjected to obscene forms of labor in a brick kiln in Bangalore. In another circumstance, a young female was tricked into becoming a sex slave in Mumbai.

"Since these issues are in other countries, it seems difficult to see why we should be involved in this," said Boonstra. "But we need to, because Baton Rouge is among the top 10 cities in the U.S. with the highest rate of child trafficking."

Shreveport is also home to this, said Boonstra.

McKinney was surprised to hear this. "I had no idea any form of human trafficking existed in Shreveport. Domestically, I knew we had issues such as house slaves, but I did not know that sex slaves existed, especially here," she said.

"Human trafficking grows out of poverty or some desperate need," said Boonstra. "It is the fastest growing illegal industry on the world and we need to make a difference by speaking up against it."

After the video, Boonstra held a strategic planning period.

"The goal is to come up with a way to encourage Senator David Vitter of Louisiana to sign the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act. Senator Mary Landrieu has already co-signed it," said Boonstra.

"This reauthorization will extend the laws provided by the act for another three years as well as include a number of new provisions that will aide anti-trafficking programs," said Boonstra.

"Our taxes pay these. Our Congress members and our vote gets them into office. We need to get involved and let them know what we care about and what we want them to do about it," said Boonstra.

The audience broke off into various groups to brainstorm. Many Centenary students were active participants.

"I think that human trafficking is a very important issue to be aware of and that it's crucial to get this act passed," said sophomore Keaton Roberson.

Roberson plans to collect postcards and distribute them on campus as well as to students living in his residence hall.

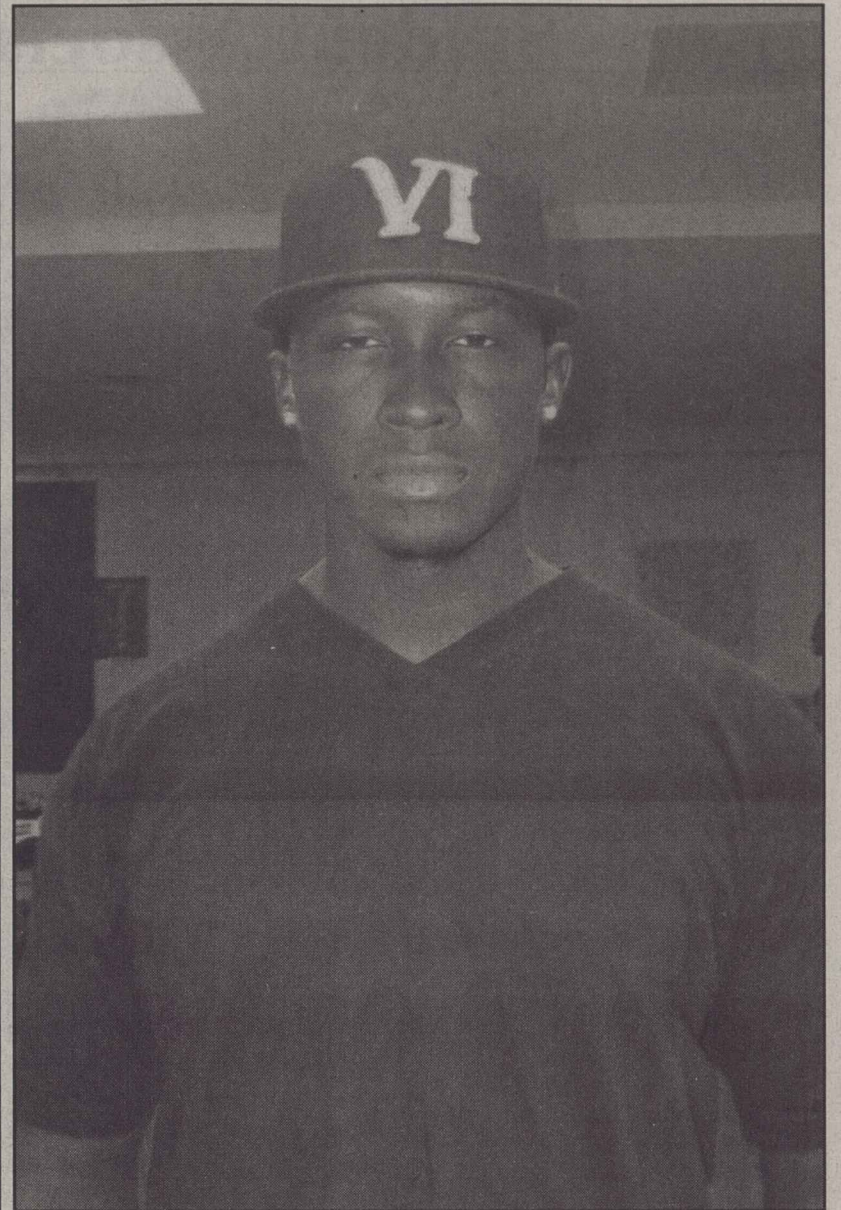
Sophomore Maggie Aultman was happy to see a large crowd in attendance. "It's cool to have people at Centenary and in the community interested and being on board to be active for this cause," she said. Aultman plans to stay involved with this issue through campus organizations as well as nonprofit work in the community.

"Modern day slavery encompasses 27 million slaves in the world today," said Boonstra.

McKinney says she hopes to minimize and eventually eradicate that number by bringing this issue to the forefront and having people act on it.



International Spotlight: Meet Jemari James



Rebecca Funderburg
Staff Writer

Rebecca Funderburg/Conglomerate

The Conglomerate: How old are you?

Jemari James: "21."

Congo: What year are you in?

James: "I'm a four year junior."

Congo: Where are you from?

James: "The Virgin Islands, St. Thomas"

Congo: Why did you decide to come to Centenary?

James: "It was a last minute decision to play baseball and the rigorous academic criteria. It's a good thing to have on your resume."

Congo: How long have you been at Centenary?

James: "This is my first semester at Centenary. It's my sixth year being in the States for school. I finished two years of high school, and then I started college."

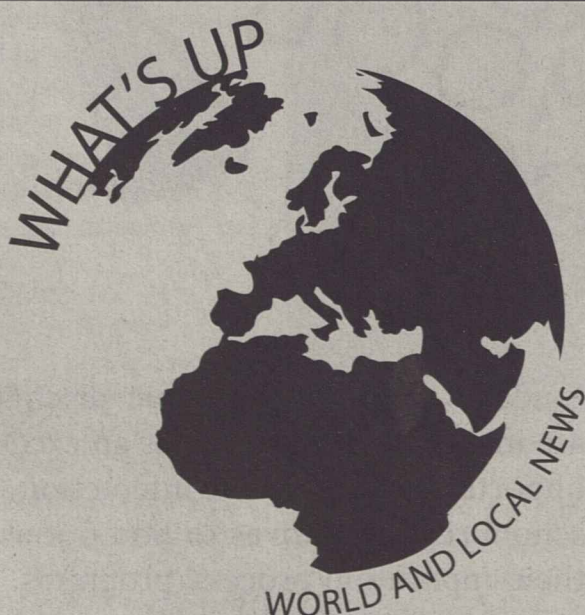
Congo: How does Shreveport compare to the Virgin Islands?

James: "There are no beaches in Shreveport. It is much bigger. My island is only 32 square miles. The people are different, there are different ethnic groups. There are more nice people. It's ridiculously hot here. When the heat first, I wanted to leave. At home, it's only 80 degrees average. There are more things to do in Shreveport."

Congo: What is your major and why?

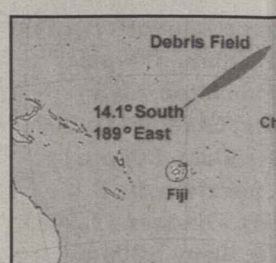
James: "Accounting, because I feel if you can manage your

own money you'll come a long way managing your own investments. I feel like it will give me an upper edge, being able to manage my own money." Congo: You play baseball, what is your position? James: "Outfield and first base." Congo: What do you miss about the Virgin Islands? James: "I guess you could say I miss the weather, cause it's something I'm always used to. Family, friends. Clean water." Congo: What is your favorite part of Centenary? James: "The baseball field, and then the SUB. The SUB is the place to be. Definitely not the cafeteria." Congo: What is your favorite genre of music? James: "Dance hall. It's island music. It's equivalent to reggae, but it's a different tempo." Congo: What is your favorite food? James: "Chicken. There's a bunch of variations I love. Saltfish (a fish similar to a marlin) You have to boil salt multiple times, then you have to put it in the oven. They don't have it in the States), funji (cornmeal with a twist). I like seafood. I like gumbo, I had it once, I like it."



Abortion

On September 28th, Mexico's supreme court supported a "right to life" amendment to the Baja California state constitution. The controversial ruling appears to allow Mexican states to make individual decisions on "the abortion question" 16 of Mexico's 31 states have adopted amendments that severely restrict abortions, and human rights activists are speaking out against the amendment.



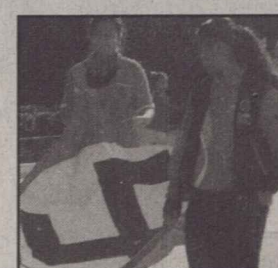
Satellite Crash

NASA's UARS satellite crashed in the South Pacific, close to the island nation of Kiribati. Debris is far from land, and no reports of human harm or deaths have arisen.



Sarah Palin

Palin threatened to sue Joe McGinniss, the author of "The Rogue," a book about her life. Palin argues that the book is spreading "series of lies and rumors presented as fact," but the book's publisher, Crown Publishing Group, stands by the author's reporting.

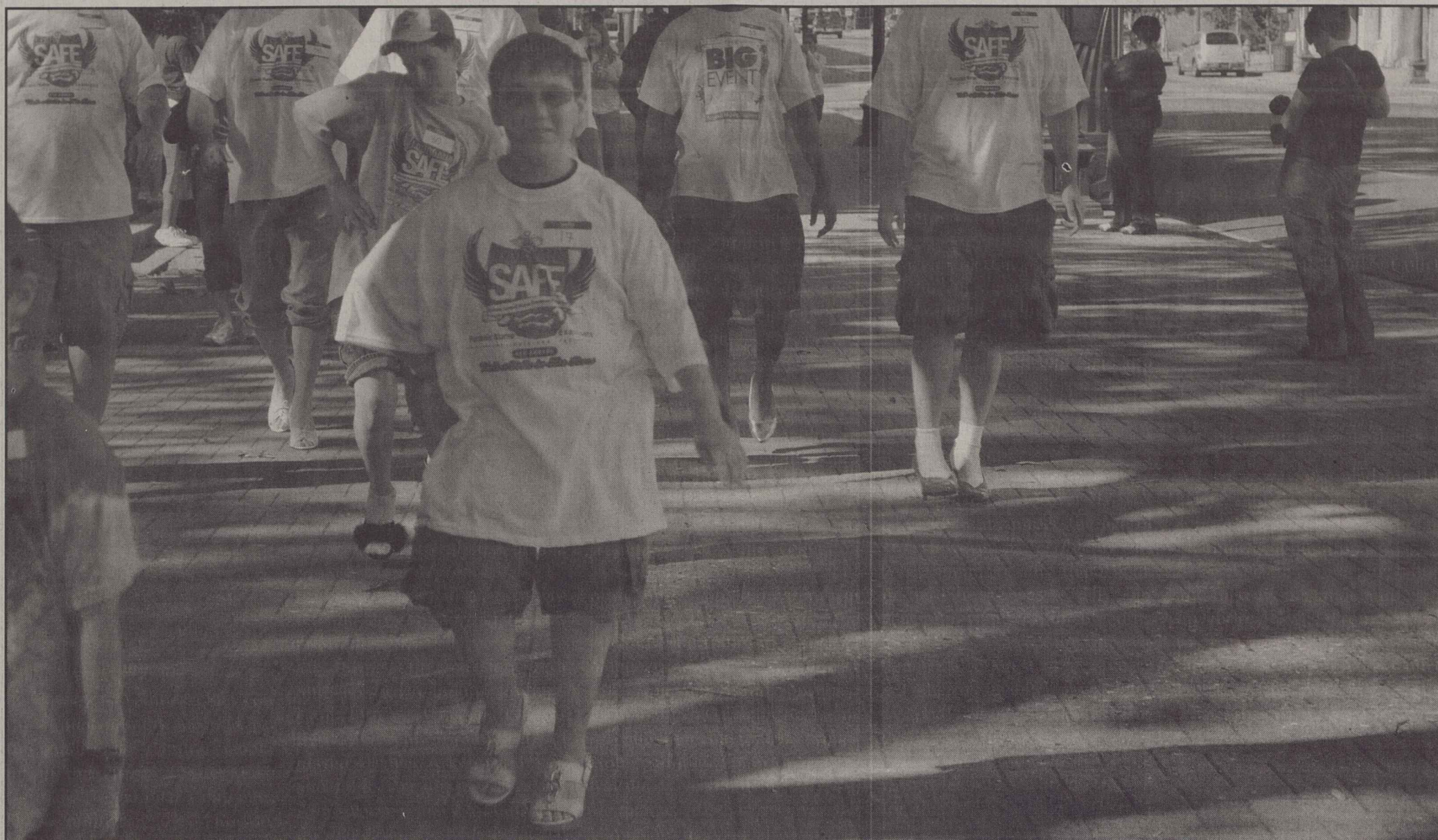


Nazi Pride

The Simon Wiesenthal Center, a Jewish human rights organization, raised concerns over a "Nazi-themed parade" held at the Sacred Heart School in Thailand. Photographs of the parade revealed its students to be "carrying a Swastika flag, performing Nazi salutes, and wearing SS uniforms, while others dressed as Adolf Hitler." The school has since released a public apology regarding the event.

A&E

“Walk a Mile in her Shoes”



Christopher Youngblood
Staff Writer

On September 24th, the Forensic Nurse Examiners of Louisiana (FNE) hosted the 4th annual “Walk a Mile in her Shoes.” This event consists of males of any age wearing high heels and walking one lap around the Caddo Courthouse. The purpose was to spread awareness of sexual assault.

The Forensic Nurse Examiners of Louisiana (FNE) is a non-profit organization that provides

forensic examinations and collects evidence from victims of sexual and domestic violence. Working along with the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), this organization has spread to ten parishes in northern Louisiana. FNE consist of forensic nurses, with the oversight by a medical director. Their philosophy is to apply a “victim centered” approach to the care of each patient and examination performed.

Chris Philpbar, Exec. Direc-

tor of FNE, said the purpose of the event is “To raise money for our non-profit to help us continue to provide evidence collection to victims of sexual assault, but more importantly to raise awareness about sexual violence. We all know that rape and sexual violence occur in our community.”

“Professionals are provided 24 hours a day to dedicate themselves to assuring that the victim receives the proper evidence collection,” said Philpbar.

During the interview, she

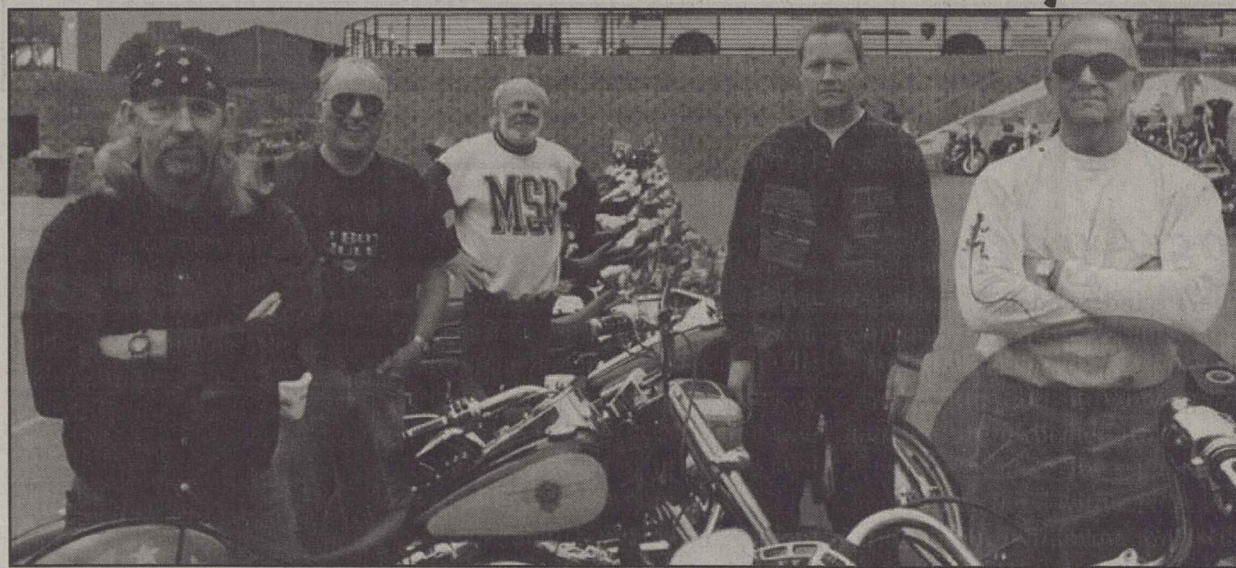
said that over last year there were 224 reported cases over six parishes (59% are under the age of 16). However, as terrible as this was, they made sure that “Walk in her Shoes” was a “silly, but very important way of spreading awareness to make sure our evidence collection stays.”

Sheriff Steve Prator was happy about this event and said “This event is to bring awareness to the dedication of the volunteers and the professionals who are trained for this.” Charles Scott, District

Attorney, was also glad for this as he said “The District office supports the Forensics Nursing Examiners of Louisiana.”

Other than one guy falling and injuring his ankle and wrist, it went really well. From toddlers to grown men, all males walked one lap around the Caddo Courthouse. In the end, they learned what it is like to walk in a woman’s shoes.

Rock out Fall Homecoming with the Rockin’ Redeyes



Madeline Fechter
Viewpoints Editor

Friday, November 4 kicks off the Homecoming weekend with the traditional Gumbo Cook-off in the Fitness Center. Like the past two annual Centenary Homecomings, the Rockin’ Redeyes will be performing at this event. This event also starts the beginning of the weekend festivities for the first ever Fall Homecoming.

The Rockin’ Redeyes are a five piece band featuring strong vocals performing classic rock, rhythm and blues, country, and country rock.

Traditionally, the Rockin’ Redeyes tend to the more jazzy, rhythm and blues for the Centenary Gumbo Cook-off, a more creole event. It is just the right kind of music to put you in the gumbo eating, dancing sort

of mood.

This band resides in Shreveport, LA and interestingly came into existence in 1965 at Byrd High School. Then the band played all over Arkansas, Texas, and Louisiana for several years. Almost 20 years ago however, the band reunited for a special occasion and has been going strong ever since.

Members include Roy Caughey, Parker Davis, Mike Yates, Mike McCullough, Steve Moore, and Bob Robinson.

Want to hear this band before attending the Gumbo Cook-off in November? The Rockin’ Redeyes are playing at the Red River Revel on Saturday, October 7 at 11:00 a.m. on the Chase Stage. There is a \$5 admission fee t. at Saturday until 6 p.m. where it changes to a \$10 dollar admission.

This band was thankfully

booked by Junior Kendall Hughes, Student Coordinator of “Maroon and White” Homecoming.

Hughes said, “This year’s Homecoming will bring a new wave of excitement to the campus as it’s the first ever fall Homecoming, and also now in conjunction with Parents and Family Weekend, and the 70th Annual Rhapsody in View. Many alumni are expected to be in attendance, and the school is going to be filled with Centenary pride. More information will be sent out later to describe the process between small and large organizations, and how you can get involved. Can’t wait for everyone to be showcasing his or her Centenary pride every Friday, and through Homecoming. Maroon and White Pride since 1825!”

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KCSL TOP 20 SONGS

1. Blood Orange-Coastal Grooves
2. Primus-Green Naugahyde
3. Gary Clark Jr.-Bright Lights EP
4. Megafaun-Megafaun
5. Collections of Colonies of Bees-GIVING
6. Jacuzzi Boys-Glazin’
7. The Step Kids-The Step Kids
8. Toro Y Moi-Freaking Out
9. Cymbals Eat Guitars-Lenses Alien
10. Ty Segall-Welfare Bread
11. Mogwai-Earth Division EP
12. WU LYF-Go Tell Fire To The Mountain
13. Cerebral Ballzy-Cerebral Ballzy
14. Fruit Bats-Tripper
15. M83-Midnight City
16. Theophilus London-Timez Are Weird These Days
17. Blasted Canyons-#1
18. Tinariwen-Tassili
19. Clap Your Hands Say Yeah-Hysterical
20. Of Montreal-The Controller-sphere

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Meetings Sunday nights
3rd floor of the SUB
7pm

SGA UPDATE: Pending Resolutions

Madeline Fechter
Viewpoints Editor

The last SGA meeting was called to order on September 27 at 8:00 p.m. in the Centenary College White Room.

During officer and committee reports, Advisor Chris Ciocchetti presented the Senate with the advancements made on the new core for the incoming freshman class for 2012-2013.

In old business, Honor Court Chief Justice Reem Abo-Zahrah presented a revised version of the Honor Court Constitution for review and approval by the Senate. However, the Senate did not approve the new revision, but instead offered opinions on the revisions.

In new business, Resolution 1112.04 was brought to the table to allocate \$2,292.62 to the Chaplain's Office for the fall 2011 mission and service trip to New Orleans, Louisiana from October 12-16.

The fall 2011 mission trip will take place in New Orleans, Louisiana, during Fall Break from October 12 to 16 to maximize the ability for student participation. The mission team will be working with Epworth Project. Epworth Project provides a mission experience for youth, college students, young adults, and church groups of all ages who are interested in being part of rebuilding the greater New Orleans area.

Also in new business, Executive Vice President Kendall Hughes presented the Homecoming 2011 budget with an allocation of \$9,329.

See next week's SGA Box to see if these pending allocations are approved, denied, or tabled.

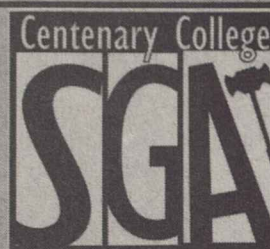
All SGA meetings occur weekly at 8:00p on Tuesdays and are open to students, faculty, and staff.

Right: This fall 2011 issue of Toilet Talk was sponsored by SGA! Check it out in a bathroom near you.



Toilet Talk

Centenary College Student Government Association
Fall 2011

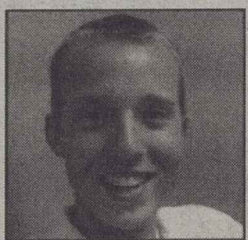


What is SGA?

SGA is a body of student representatives that seeks to serve by supporting student endeavors functioning as the student's liaison to the faculty and staff and initiating change in our campus and community in order to enhance the Centenary experience.



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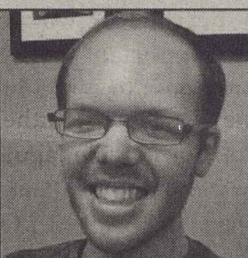
President Drew Burnham

Your Student Government Association is here to serve you. Comprised of twenty-five of your fellow students, SGA is here to listen to you and act on your behalf. Our goal is to enhance the experience of each and every Centenary student. Share with us your concerns and show us your needs so we may help you attain your goals and aspirations, enrich the campus community, and enhance the campus awareness of Centenary College as a formidable institution of higher learning.



Executive Vice President Kendall Hughes

Centenary Homecoming is moving to the fall! We will be celebrating a "Maroon and White" theme from November 2-6! As the second homecoming of the year, we will be mixing old traditions, and starting some new. From gumbo cook-offs to our first Homecoming Tailgate! Also, do you have questions about starting a new organization? Need to charter through SGA? Contact me and we'll get your idea rolling!



Vice President of Procedure Charles Madden

The Centenary Media Society along with SGA is hosting a Media Bash Thursday, Sept 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Robinson Film Center. Transportation will be provided from campus to RFC where a light meal will be provided along with music. Following a short talk from the Medias, students can see a movie currently playing or return to campus. Don't miss this chance to learn more about the Medias!



Treasurer Madeline Fechter

The SGA Finance Committee has been designated as the preliminary step for the allocation of funds from the student fees. If your organization needs funding for an event or trip my committee would be happy to escort you through our resolution process before your presentation before the Senate. The Financial Committee members are so excited to meet with you and meet your needs!

Meet our Advisors!



Mark Miller
Dean of Students



Chris Ciocchetti
Chair of Philosophy Dpt.
Associate Professor of
Philosophy

Tech News: Netflix Changing Things Again



Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

After gaining much popularity the past year, Netflix hasn't been receiving the highest praises from consumers lately. This summer, Netflix began to get on the bad side of customers by raising their prices. One of the highest selling points for people getting Netflix was the \$9.99 monthly unlimited DVD-rental and streaming combination plan. Netflix changed that by separating DVD and streaming services into different plans, each costing \$7.99. You can still get the combo, but have to pay \$15.98 a month instead. Part of this was to create a DVD rental plan that allows users to check out two discs at a time for \$11.99 per month or \$7.99 for one title at a time. Users had until September 1 this fall to

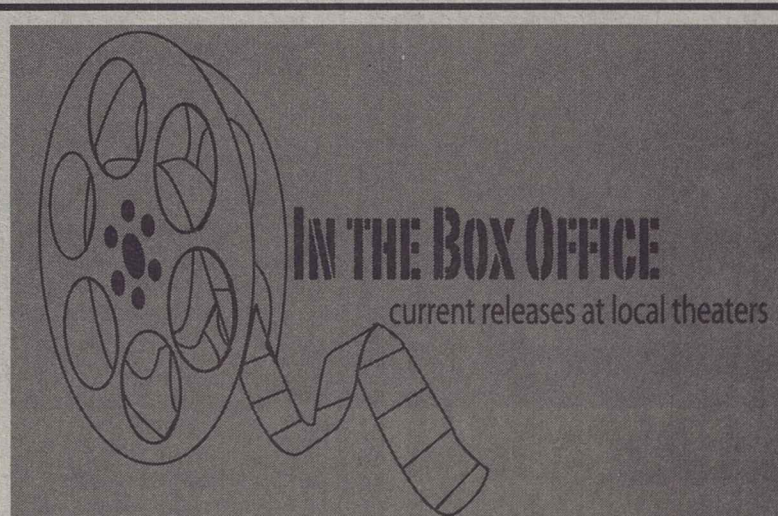
choose a new plan. Things seem to be changing again now.

Now it appears that Netflix is now separating its services even further. Recently a new site known as "Qwikster" has appeared. It is a separate, Netflix-owned company. Thus, the two services have split, with Qwikster handling disc-based rentals and Netflix allowing users to view content via online streaming. Many people may be wondering why Netflix would decide to separate its services, and if they were, then why change the prices two months before doing so.

Netflix left viewers with this quote from an article on MSN, "We realized that streaming and DVD by mail are really becoming different businesses, with very different cost structures, that need to be marketed differently, and we need to let each grow and

operate independently." Put that way, it makes sense that Netflix would separate the two services. According to an article in ipbrief.net, "The DVD mailing service is the much more expensive service; it is actually more expensive to keep up the DVDs than it is to pay for streaming rights." There is also a looming fear that DVDs might become obsolete like videocassettes and other older media recording devices from the past have. The online streaming world hasn't benefited Netflix lately either, losing "its contract with Starz, which was its source of newer programming."

What probably hurts Netflix the most is that it is no longer a one-of-a-kind service. More online streaming services are cropping up, provided by companies like Facebook, Amazon, and Hulu. Overall, this move to separate might make the most sense for Netflix in the long run, but the company is going to have to work hard to appeal to new customers and appease current customers. Qwikster is expected to launch soon and it will be interesting to see how both services perform.



In theaters this weekend:

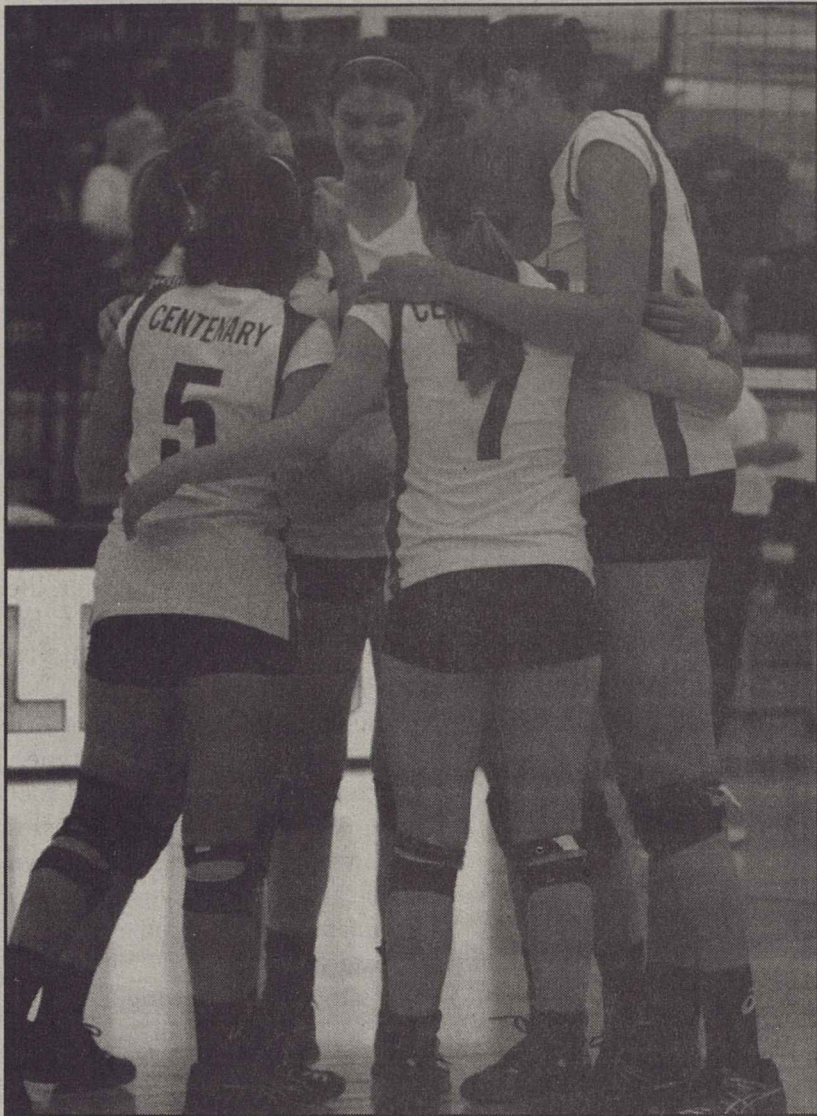
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Courageous
The Dream House
What's Your Number?
Abduction
Dolphin Tale
Dolphin Tale 3D
Killer Elite
Moneyball
The Lion King 3D
Straw Dogs
Contagion: An IMAX Experience
Contagion
Columbiana
The Help
Star Trek: The IMAX Experience

Now Playing and Coming Soon at The Robinson Film Center:

The Future
Sarah's Key

SPORTS

Ladies fall to Texas in weekend series



The team goes in for a hug.

Courtesy of GoCentenary.com

Steven Finley
Sports Editor

This past weekend the Centenary Ladies' volleyball teams took on both UT-Dallas and UT-Tyler and were unable to stop both teams from dominating.

The first series of games was against UT-Dallas on Friday. This series had a good start for the Centenary volleyball team as they did struggle with a back and forth score for most of it but were able to pull out a 25-21 win over UT-Dallas.

The second game in the series against UT-Dallas was not quite so back and forth as the first. The Ladies did attempt a comeback toward the end but it was not quite good enough. The Ladies ended up falling 19-25 against UT-Dallas in this game.

The third and fourth games were the most intense out of all of them. Both of these games had really close scores throughout the entire play time. Neither team was willing to give during either one of these games. Even with the intense action on the court the Centenary volleyball team fell 23-25 in both games to

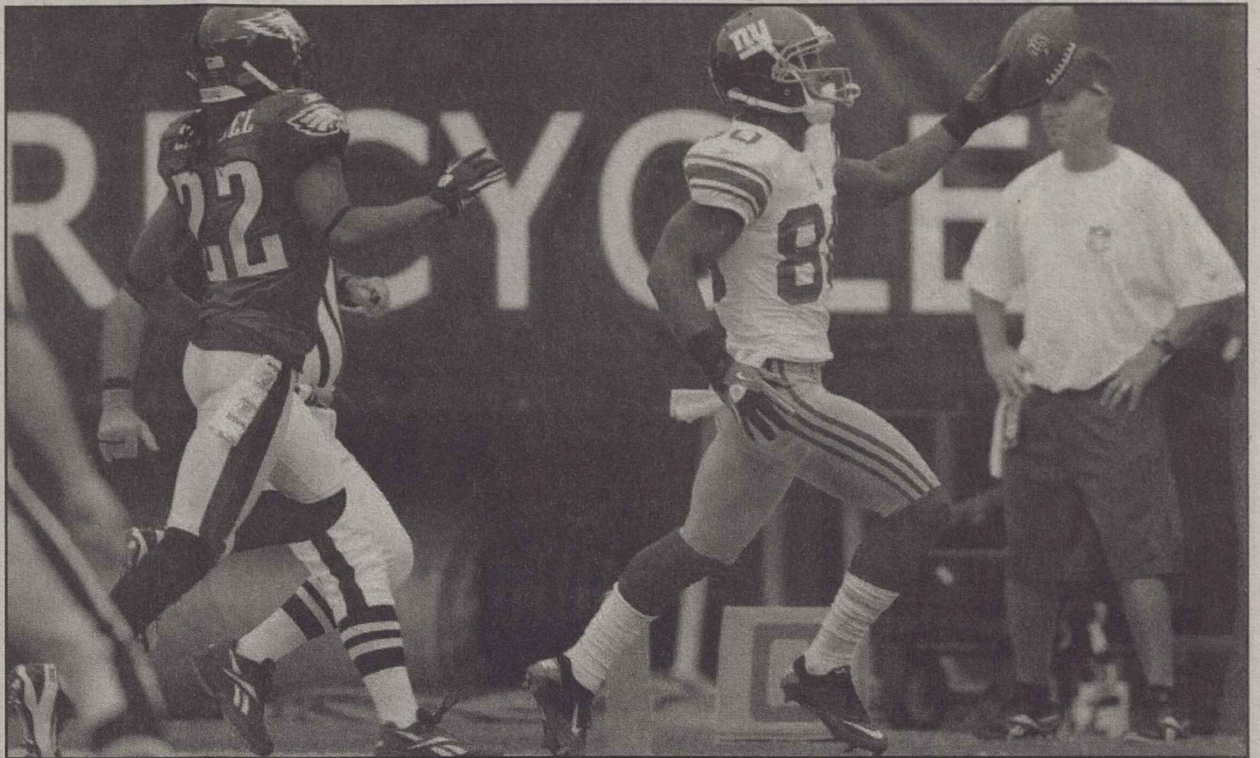
finish this series at 1-3 in favor of UT-Dallas.

Saturday's series against UT-Tyler was yet another series of close and intense games. The first match saw the Ladies struggle but eventually win 25-21. The second match saw yet another intense game but unfortunately a different result came of it as the Ladies fell for the first time that night 23-25.

Once the third game started the Ladies seemed to have made a complete turnaround. The game was close at times and then the Ladies pulled ahead towards the end scoring one after another to eventually win 25-18 against UT-Tyler.

This series would lead into a five game match soon afterward with the Ladies falling a second time in game four, 21-25. Game five would decide it all. At first UT-Tyler would take the lead and continue to widen it. Then towards the end Centenary made an attempt at a comeback, which at first was working. This came to a halt though as UT-Tyler regained their momentum and pulled off the win 15-12 over Centenary.

Week 3 Proves Nothing is Predictable

Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer
Opinion/Editorial Article

If you would have turned your television on or checked your phone for mobile updates around halftime for many of the games this Sunday, chances are you would just go about your afternoon routine. However, the tides of many games turned quickly, and while some teams hung on and won, many teams saw close heart breakers at the very end.

Probably the team hurting the most is the New England Patriots. Up comfortably and in control most of the first half, the Buffalo Bills took the momentum at home and remained undefeated as they edged the Pats by a field goal 34-31. The loss also was New England's first of the season. In New Orleans, the 2-0 Houston Texans seem to be having a field day against the Saints defense and were up double digits in the 2nd quarter. However, The Texans were unable to capitalize in the red zone, and had to

settle for field goals. The Saints took advantage and finally were able to gain momentum for good as they took the lead on a touchdown after an interception. The Saints won in the end 40-33.

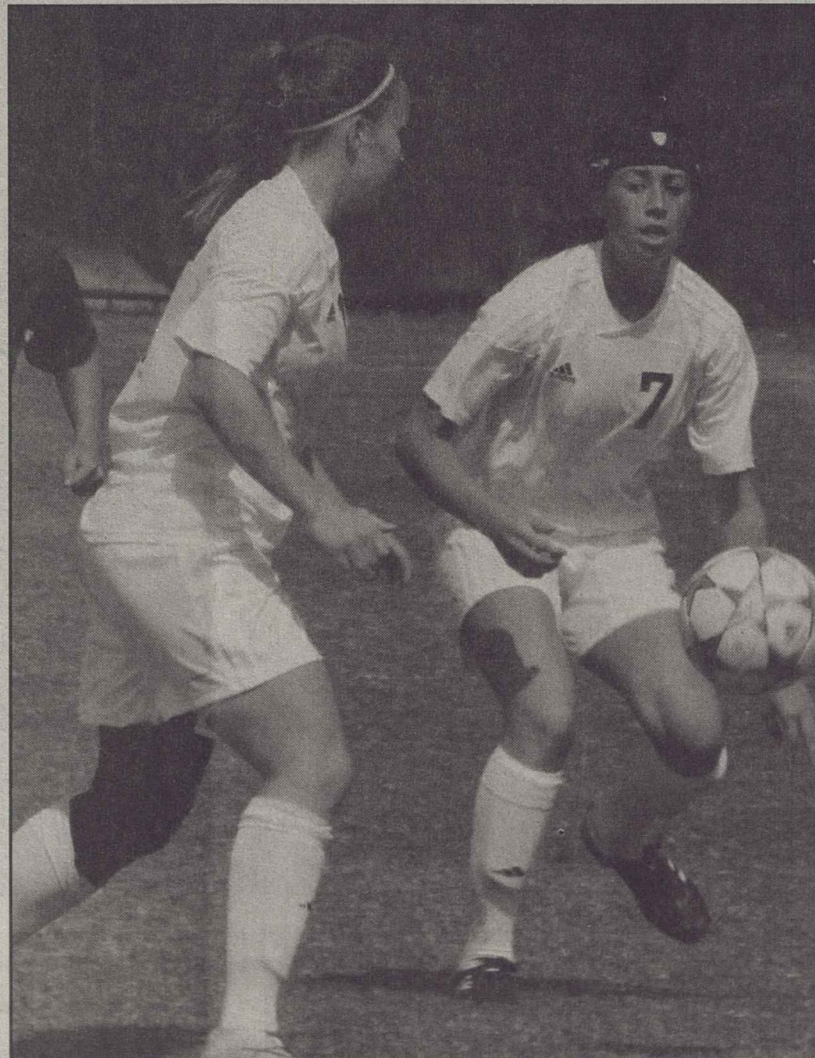
The New York Giants were up 14-0 in Philadelphia, but saw the momentum swing in the Eagle's favor heading into halftime as the Eagles scored 16 unanswered points and had the ball most of the 2nd quarter. However, the Giants regained composure and took an impressive road victory with a 29-16 victory. The Detroit Lions were down big in Minnesota early on as well, but would come back and win on the road 26-23. Detroit is now 3-0 in the season.

Other games that saw more of a seesaw battle, but none the less were tight games, included the Carolina Panthers topping the Jacksonville Jaguars 16-10 in rainy conditions Sunday, Cleveland Browns over the Miami Dolphins 17-16, and the San Francisco 49ers over the Cincinnati Bengals 13-8. The Titans re-

mained impressive and jumped over .500 with a 17-14 win over the Denver Broncos, while Seattle and San Diego both won for the first time this season as they topped the Arizona Cardinals and Kansas City Chiefs respectively. The Indianapolis Colts fell to 0-3 on the season, but clawed back from another huge halftime deficit to tie the game at 20 against the Pittsburgh Steelers. QB Collins for the Colts left the game with a concussion and Curtis Painter came in to get the Colts back in it. The Steelers prevailed in the end on a field goal to win 23-20 and improve to 2-1 after getting blown out in week 1.

Wrapping up the scoreboard this week includes Oakland topping the New York Jets in an impressive 34-24 win, the Baltimore Ravens over the St. Louis Rams 37-7, Tampa Bay over Atlanta 16-13, and Green Bay over Chicago 27-17. The Washington Redskins will take on the Dallas Cowboys for Monday Night Football in Dallas.

Ladies Soccer Splits Road ASC Games this week



Holden Penny

Courtesy of GoCentenary.com

Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

The Centenary Ladies may be the new kids on the block in the ASC Conference, but they have made a name for themselves the first two weeks into conference play. After opening conference last weekend at home

with two home wins, the Ladies hit the road to see if they could keep the momentum going.

On Thursday, the Ladies showed they could get it done with a convincing 3-0 win at Louisiana College. Junior Courtney Cleveland got the Ladies on the board just two minutes into play on a goal that was assisted

by junior Traci Lee. Senior Candace Rushing continued her hot season by netting her 3rd goal of the year at the 12-minute mark. Junior Holden Penny would finish the game with 2 assists, one on the goal Rushing scored, and the other to Lee for the final goal of the evening. Freshman goal keeper Brittaney Dunn got her fourth shutout of the year, making three saves in goal. Centenary outshot Louisiana College 16-9 and had 6 corner kicks compared to none by LC. The Ladies also remained undefeated in Conference play, improving to 3-0.

The Ladies looked to keep the momentum going in a Saturday matinee at Mississippi College. Rushing netted her fourth goal of the season at the 63-minute mark to bring the Ladies even 1-1, but it was Mississippi College who would take the lead for good about a minute later. Dunn played all 90 minutes and recorded 9 saves, but those two goals would be the difference, and dropped the Ladies to 5-4 overall and 3-1 in conference.

The Ladies will look to get back on track Friday, September 30th with a 5pm start time against LeTourneau. The game will take place on Mayo Field, so come out and support your Ladies!

COUNSELING SERVICES

National
Depression
Screening Day

Thursday, October 6th 11am-1pm
At Counseling Services in the
basement of Rotary hall

Depression * Bipolar disorder * Post traumatic stress disorder

Depression affects nearly 18.8 million young Americans.

Counseling Services is providing a way to learn to recognize and respond to the warning signs in YOU.

We will also be giving away some stress relieving tools to help you in the battle for emotional wellness.

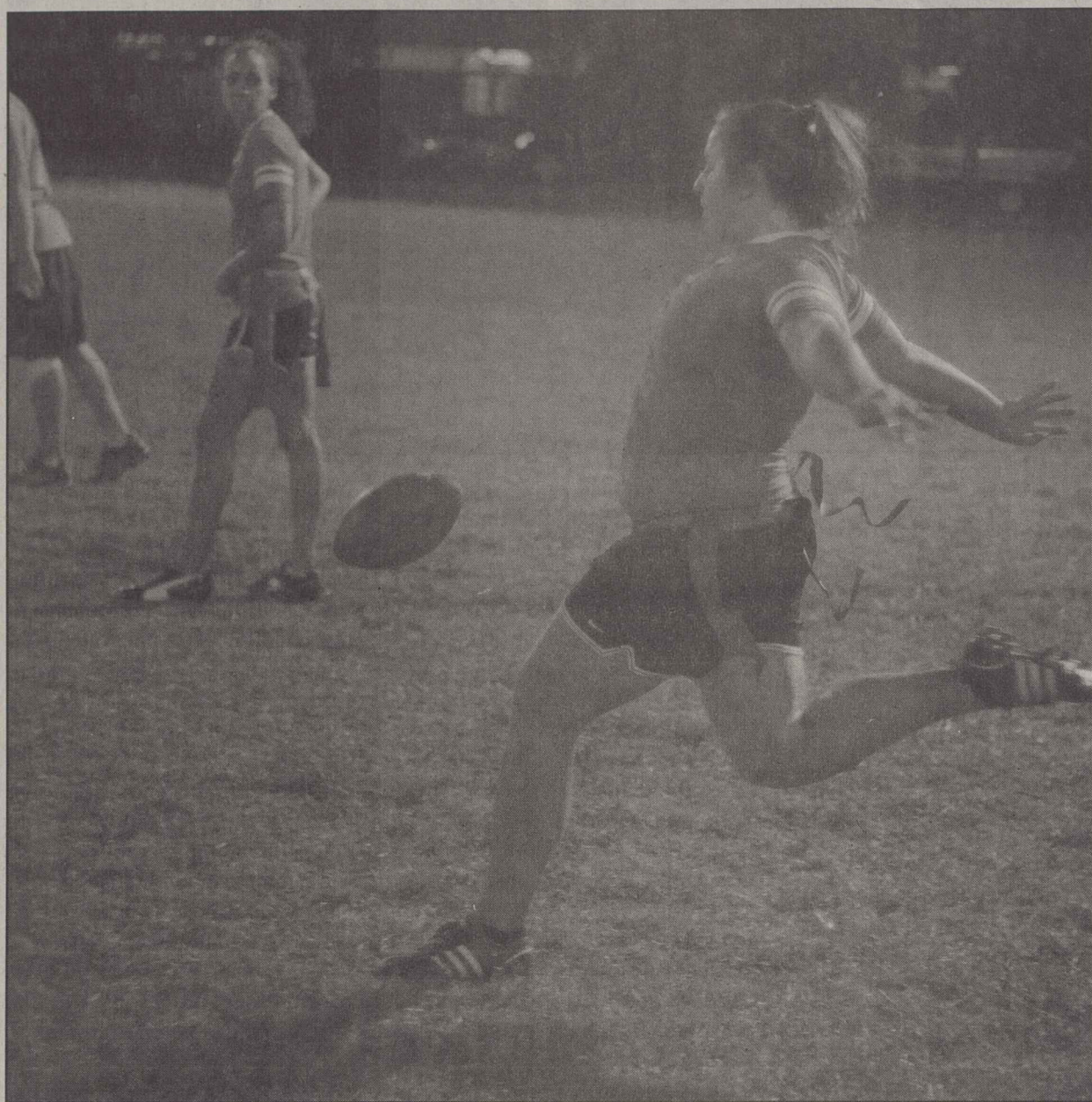
So come in to get screened or complete an anonymous screening for depression and other problems on-line any time at:

<http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/screening/Welcome.aspx>
Keyword for Login: Centenary

Anxiety Disorder * Eating Disorders * Alcohol Screenings

SPORTS

Intramural Flag Football has kicked off!



Phyllis Hafer kicks the football on Jones Rice Field during a Chi Omega flag football game.

Jordan Pope/Conglomerate

Christian Prince
Staff Writer

Monday, September 19, Centenary's Intramural Sports season kicked off with flag football. Everyone involved was anxious to get the season underway.

This year the men's league consists of six teams, while the women's league is composed of two teams. The men's teams include KE, KA, CHOR, Baseball, Old School, and Wolfpack/TKE. The women's teams are Chi-O and ZTA.

So far only nine games have been played. This week was short on games due to weather conditions Thursday evening. Plans will be made to make up these games.

Of these nine games, KA has dominated the field with an impressive 3-0 start to the season. Baseball has provided a possible challenge for the KA's with a 2-0 record (these teams have yet to play each other).

Following closely is Old School with a 2-1 record. Next come Wolfpack/TKE with a 1-1 record. Filling the fifth and sixth place spots belong to CHOR with a 0-2 record and KE with a 0-3 record.

In the women's league, Chi-O leads the five game series against the ZTA's 1-0.

The stats for the first week of games are (The winner of each game is listed first):

KA vs. KE 64-9

Wolfpack/TKE vs. KE 28-6

KA vs. Wolfpack/TKE 24-19

Baseball vs. CHOR 52-0

Old School vs. KE 24-0

Old School vs. CHOR 35-6

KA vs. Old School 37-7

Baseball vs. KE 74-13

Chi-O vs. ZTA 18-0

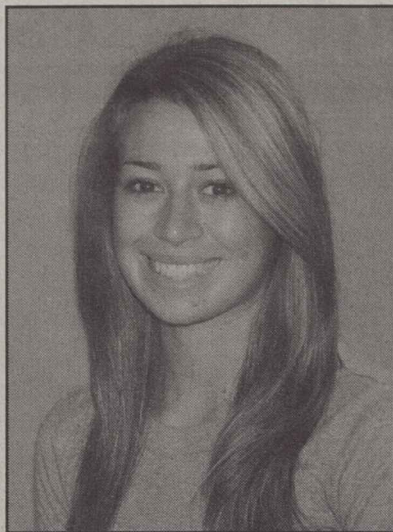
Kayla Tibaldo, Centenary's
Intramural Student Manager,



Francesca Lawrence attempts to steal Holly Clark's flag

Jordan Pope/Conglomerate

Athlete of the Week: Holden Penney



Courtesy of GoCentenary.com

Steven Finley
Sports Editor

Sport: Soccer/tennis

Classification: Junior

Position: Forward/center mid

Hometown: Laguna beach,
California

Major: Economics, finance and business

Favorite Color: Gray

Favorite Sports Team: Bears

Favorite Restaurant: Southfield
grill

Favorite Musical Artist: Third
eye blind

Favorite TV Show: Greys
anatomy

Favorite Movie: Gone in 60
seconds

Hobbies: Tennis/golf/surfing/
winning

What do you plan on doing after
graduation: Get an MBA

People you look up to: My
parents

When did you start playing or
getting involved in your sport
and why: 3rd grade because my

little brother was going to play
and I was jealous haha

What goes through your head
as you prepare for every game:
Honestly, don't miss shots and
winning. And then I just try to
visualize good passes, runs and
goals

What is your most memorable
moment in your career: Breaking
my nose second game of the
season freshman year and having
to wear a mask!

What is your least favorite
thing about your sport and
what is your most favorite:
Least: being sore all season,
Most: making my best friends
If you could sum up your life
in one song what would it be:
Piston Annies "hell on heels"
What advice would you give
younger athletes in your sport:
Make the most of your off time...
practice with your weaker foot
or work on other weaknesses
Name three things you own
that describe you: A crazy
Italian greyhound puppy,
pistachio colored jeans, a
ruler for drawing graphs

What is your most over
used word or phrase: "like"
High School academic
accomplishments, rewards or
honors societies: principals
academic list all four years (05-09)

High School sports
accomplishments, rewards,
and placements: MVP Offense
soph/senior year (06-07/08-09),
MVP Defense Junior year (07-
08), 2008-2009 MVP Orange
Coast League Soccer, 2009 MVP
Orange Coast League Track

provided some insightful input
in how the season has been thus
far.

Ms. Tibaldo stated, "I am

happy about the way the season
is beginning. We are having good
competitive games with many
people coming out to cheer on
their teams." Every game that
has been played so far has had
a decent fan base. Everyone
involved would love to see even
more people coming out to
support the athletes on the field.

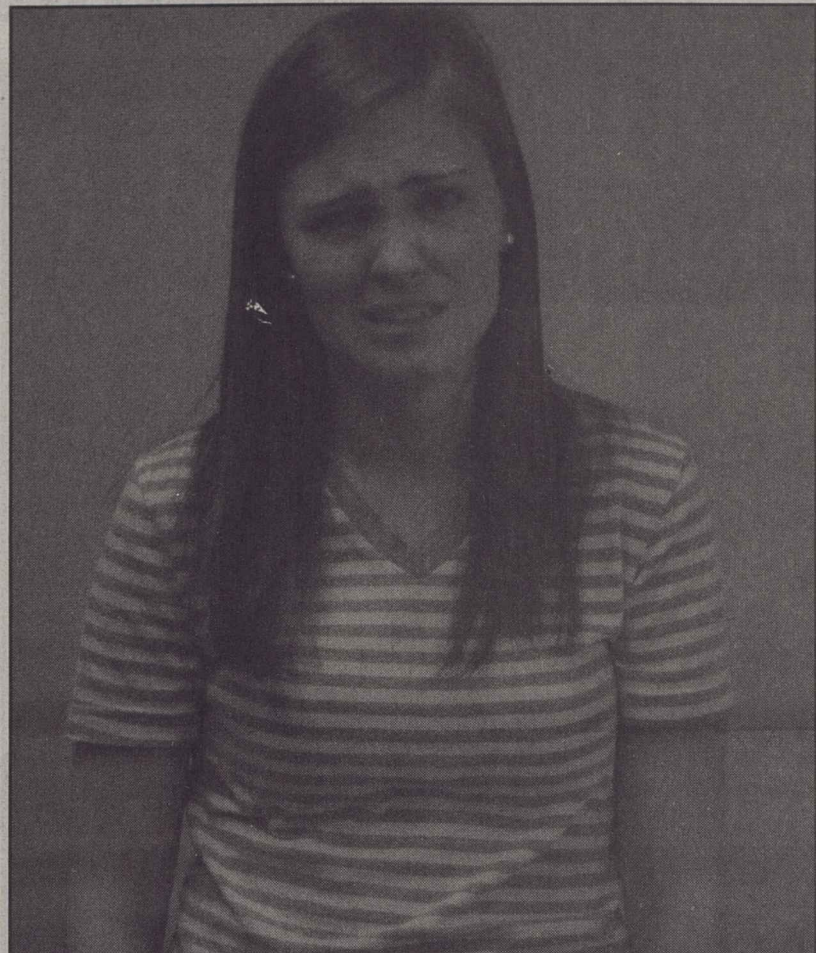
With a new intramural
season come new players and
new referees. It is not the easiest
job in the world either. It is
the ref's jobs to ethically make
challenging calls and be able to
reasonably explain their calls
when they are questioned. Ms.
Tibaldo said, "The referees are
performing exceptionally well
considering how intense the
games can get due to the highly
competitive nature of all the
teams." Everyone: players, staff,
and fans alike are working hard
to make this a fun, as well as
competitive, flag football season.
The success rate so far seems to
be very high!

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

September 30	October 1	October 3	October 4	October 6	October 7

VIEWPOINTS

A Million Reasons: “What Tey Eff?”



Jordan Pope/Conglomerate

Hadley Million
Layout Editor

“What Tey Eff?!” A phrase used to express extreme bewilderment and total outrage. Different variations of this phrase exist, but for the sake of my reputation and all others who choose to read this column I will keep it clean and simple. Well, as clean and simple as I can get.

Since school has started I’ve found myself saying this phrase a lot. For instance when I realize my three page paper I worked on so diligently the night before it is due is supposed to be a five page paper. My response was of course, “what tey eff?!” with me immediately scurrying back to my room to add enough quotations as humanly possible to reach five pages.

“What tey eff” is generally my response when I find myself in a circumstance that seems

very “Hadley-ish.” For those new to A Million Reasons or for those who have forgotten, “Hadley-ish” is some sort of unlucky incident that continues to compile with more unlucky circumstances.

An example of this would be when I went running the other day only to realize a third of the way through my three mile run that I desperately needed a toilet or some sort of alley to hide me from view. Being Hadley, I decided I would get myself through the run and hopefully make the cramps go away. Instead my stomach decided to disregard my head and insisted that I stop and find a safe resting area. Luckily, there was an AutoZone. Unluckily, I’m pretty sure I went in the “Employee Only” restroom. Luckily, no one stopped me but instead gave me strange and somewhat scared looks. Unluckily, there wasn’t a roll of toilet paper to comfort me in my time of

need.

Have you ever been really excited to get back to your room and eat that one thing you’ve been craving all week but never had time to eat because you were so busy? Yeah, I have. It happened to be a peach I had been coveting for three weeks. I got out of Medieval Lit, ready to seize the day and devour my peach. As I opened the fridge and grasped my delicious spore-producing part of a plant I realized the texture felt a little too texture-y. I looked down in despair at my mangled and moldy fruit only to utter the phrase “what tey eff...”

One thing worse than moldy fruit is probably the sad realization that I can never eat at the café. For those who don’t know, I’ve developed a gluten allergy which makes me unable to eat anything with wheat in it. In summation, I can’t eat anything at the café aside from salad (with my own dressing), fake eggs, and vegetables (fingers crossed they don’t put sauce on them). This in itself is “what tey eff” inspiring. But what makes this story even more irritating is the fact that I have to go to the grocery store and spend over \$100 on non-gluten supplies. What tey eff... Let’s not forget that I’m still paying \$3,200 for the café food I can’t eat. What tey freaking eff?!

For those who hate reading Facebook statuses that are embarrassingly honest or vomit-inspiring, to those waiting for their paychecks only to realize they’re paid on a monthly basis, to everyone who is awoken at night by the loud sounds of a horn being blown or a random passerby’s jubilation at being awake at such an ungodly hour, to anyone ever inspired to punch someone in the throat when they talk about how easy and open their schedule is all week: let’s all just give a big “what tey eff” in vain hopes that we won’t have to utter the words “what tey eff” ever again.

“For Those Eating in the Caf...”

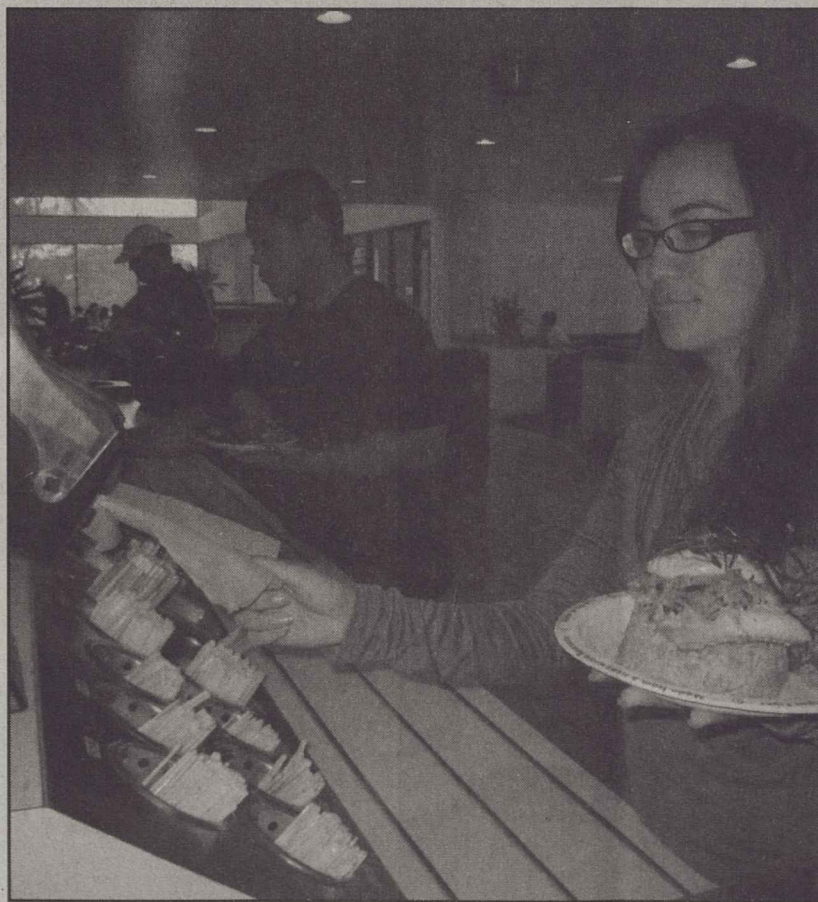
Andrea Labor
Staff Writer

This year, the Centenary Cafeteria has been trying to make as many options available to as many people as possible. This has been visible in the Healthy Choice signs, the ever-stocked salad bar, and the workers who are more than ready to listen to the students.

In spite of whispered complaints here and there (the suggestions box has remained surprisingly light), LeRoy has had many points to stress. There is variety for the general population, always including down-home classics, fresh-grilled options, pizza, toast and bagels, cereal, the salad bar, and of course desserts.

Beyond that, one can often find the soup of the day, the sandwich bar, and food prepared on the spot in the International line. This year has also seen the waffle maker, which is so popular re-stocking is a regular necessity.

Beyond the general population, however, Centenary is home to special needs such as diabetics, vegetarians, and those with gluten allergies. José and the rest of the staff will try their hardest to accommodate, and are always willing to talk to



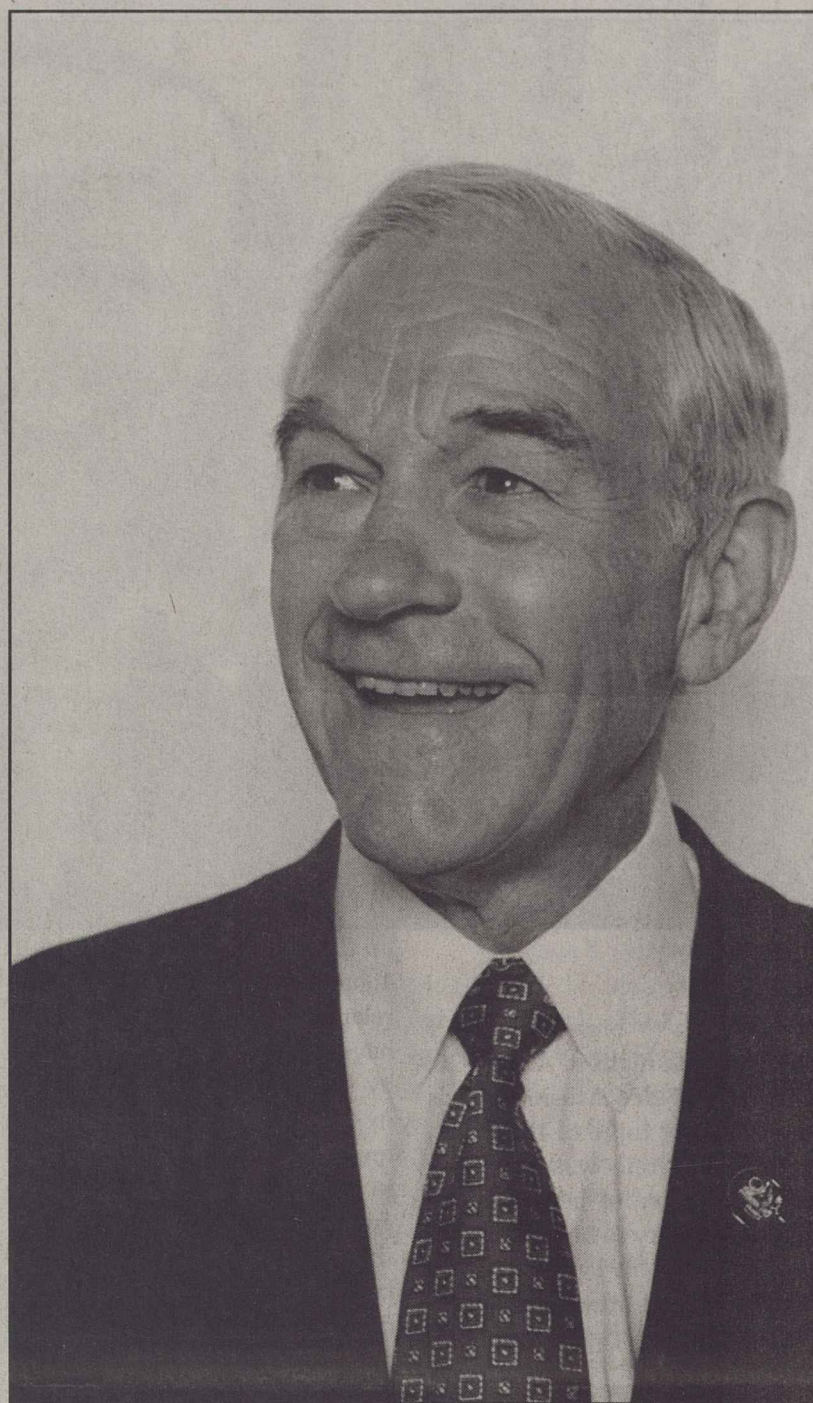
students on a one-on-one basis.

The trouble, LeRoy pointed out, is volume. While Centenary does have a wide base of special needs, there may not be enough of a particular group to warrant a special main course set up for them. There have to be enough students to guarantee that the food bought and prepared does not go to waste.

That said, the staff will have an option available, be it a salad or chicken breast somewhere among the foods. Liberal use of sandwich materials and the waffle maker is encouraged, as is above all else giving feedback.

If the complainers aren’t vocal about it to the right people, they will not see any desired improvements.

Presidential Spotlight of the Week: Ron Paul



Andrea Violet
Business Manager

ety.”

This is true in that it did not achieve a colorblind society, seeing as how a colorblind society could not be achieved without eliminating human nature’s tendency to discriminate, at least on a subconscious level. As to the violation of the Constitution, I should venture to say that this definitely warrants further research.

Staying true to his libertarian views, Paul wants extend more power and responsibilities to the states themselves. He has made the comment regarding the 10th Amendment, “States rights simply mean that the individual states should retain authority over all matters not expressly delegated to the federal government in Article I of the Constitution.”

I am in full agreement with his views on this. The states have elected government

officials to run the state, not to baby sit the state while the federal government does all the work. It’s time for the state government to start being able to share in the responsibilities that the federal government has kept to itself thus far.

We shall see, however, how the public views and reacts to his stance on the issues. As of the Florida straw poll of the past Saturday, Herman Cain may be taking Paul’s place as the third most popular candidate in the race. Stay tuned next week to find out!

Week three of the republican presidential candidate spotlight brings us to the candidate who is currently in third place, according to the gallup polls, Ron Paul.

The eleven term Congressman from Texas has been touted by the public to be unelectable, labeling him as an awkward misfit to the world of politics. He has been kept out of mainstream republican light by his dogmatic libertarian views.

He is not necessarily a favorite out of the Republican candidates, but as of now it is a debate of which candidate is best acclimated to run against and defeat Obama in the next Presidential election.

Paul graduated from Gettysburg College in 1957 with a Bachelor’s degree in biology. He then went on to obtain his medical degree from Duke University School of medicine in 1961. Upon graduation, he became an obstetrician and gynecologist, and owned his own practice in Texas.

It is said that his decision to enter into politics came when President Nixon closed the “gold window,” thus instigating the scare that the value of money would become purely political and not having real value, being backed by gold in the Treasury.

Some of the most controversial views of Paul are his views on elements of the Civil Rights Act and his support of states’ rights. He has expressed opposition to elements of the Civil Rights Act in the past.

He has been quoted as saying “[It] not only violated the Constitution and reduced individual liberty; it also failed to achieve its stated goals of promoting racial harmony and a color-blind soci-

VIEWPOINTS

Hacker group “Anonymous” declares war on Hollywood media



Correa Mayo
Staff Writer

“Holy s*** brah,” was all I could say the night of August 28, 2011. The Video Music Awards were the hot topic of the night, but as everyone was watching Lady Gaga try to be a man or Nikki Minaj try to be Lady Gaga, I was glued to my laptop because of the internet attack I was witnessing happen right in front of me. VMA nominee Kreayshawn had her Twitter account hacked and nude photographs of herself leaked by internet activist group Anonymous. Before I get into that story, here’s some background to get you up to speed.

Anonymous is a serious group to be reckoned with. The amorphous organization was formed around 2003 and nests

in the forums of the infamous 4chan.org and its various other related sites. These “hacktivists” have garnered global attention by shutting down mega-company websites like Sony and even a few government websites located in America, Australia, Europe and parts of the Middle East. It is impossible to say just how large Anonymous is, but what we do know is that the larger-scale operations (Iran support, exposing corporate fraud, fighting for internet freedom) are led by the more organized branches of the group, such as AnonOps.

So why target Kreayshawn? This question was answered in the YouTube video that was spammed out over the internet sensation’s Twitter. The creepy, minute-and-a-half long segment

angrily addresses Hollywood and declares the Anonymous mission statement. The original video is still up and can be found by typing “myLittlePony.wmv” into the YouTube search bar. I advise discretion seeing as how some view the statement as anti-gay and anti-Semitic. Kreayshawn attempted to regain control of her account, but only further stirred the hornets’ nest. Soon, Anonymous began flooding her Twitter feed with racist remarks and locked her out of her Twitter altogether. Next, a series of nude pictures were leaked of the starlet, furthering the internet calamity. Kreayshawn later responded to the attack denouncing the actions of Anonymous and claiming, “I aint [sic] mad,” but apparently she was - she un-

followed my Twitter account just for mentioning the attacks! So did Anonymous target Kreayshawn out of hate? Absolutely not.

Kreayshawn was to Anonymous what she has been to the music industry this whole time: a puppet. Throughout recent months I’ve followed her journey from an unknown videographer and terrible rapper to an overnight celebrity. I was at times amazed at how a young girl I’d previously conversed with on numerous occasions via Twitter, was now flooding every website I checked daily with her only single “Gucci, Gucci”. Something wasn’t right. Her entire image was being bottled up and sold to the public and I watched as trendy little girls everywhere be-

gan eating it up.

I would say that this most recent internet attack was indeed a sure success for the Anonymous campaign. I don’t think it opened too many eyes; I only wonder what’s going to happen next. Anonymous is here to serve the public and to insure that we are not led astray from the rights we are entitled to as human beings. I feel comfortable knowing the organization is here to serve and protect internet users and watch over the media industry. Their motto brings fear into the minds of any that oppose or resist their force and is one that will soon be recognized by many more in the near future: “We do not forgive, we do not forget, expect us.”

Go Green [House]: An Introduction to Biodiesel

Karley Aiken
A&E Editor

For those of you that aren’t particularly familiar with biodiesel, here’s what you need to know: biodiesel is produced from vegetable oils, yellow grease, and tallow. It is produced from renewable sources such as new and used vegetable oils and animal fats and is a cleaner-burning replacement for petroleum-based diesel fuel. It is nontoxic and biodegradable. Many businesses have begun to incorporate biodiesel into their productions and processes, such as Chrysler, The Volkswagen Group, and McDonalds. This progress in the business sector is very important, as is the use and production of biodiesel by ordinary citizens - especially because there are many positive environmental effects that go along with using biodiesel, including reduced greenhouse gas emissions and pollution.

On Saturday the 24th, the students and professors of the GreenHouse Living/Learning Community made a visit to Martin Poole’s home to learn about home biodiesel production. Poole demonstrated the step-by-step process of making biodiesel - a process that took about an hour, with some waiting time for certain steps. Poole said that he has been investing his time and



From Right to Left: Isadora Bickham, Krista McKinney, AJ Hill, Garrett Whipple, Dr. Hamming, Julie Vaughan, Beth Nuttall, Payton Weidner

Karley Aiken/Conglomerate

money in home biodiesel production for years, and has successfully fueled his diesel Volkswagen bug by doing so.

The Sustainability students have been discussing biodiesel plants during class the possibil-

ity of having one on campus at some point in the future - and all that would involve. It’s an intricate proposal that we might not yet have the resources to make at this time. But learning about this kind of environmental plus

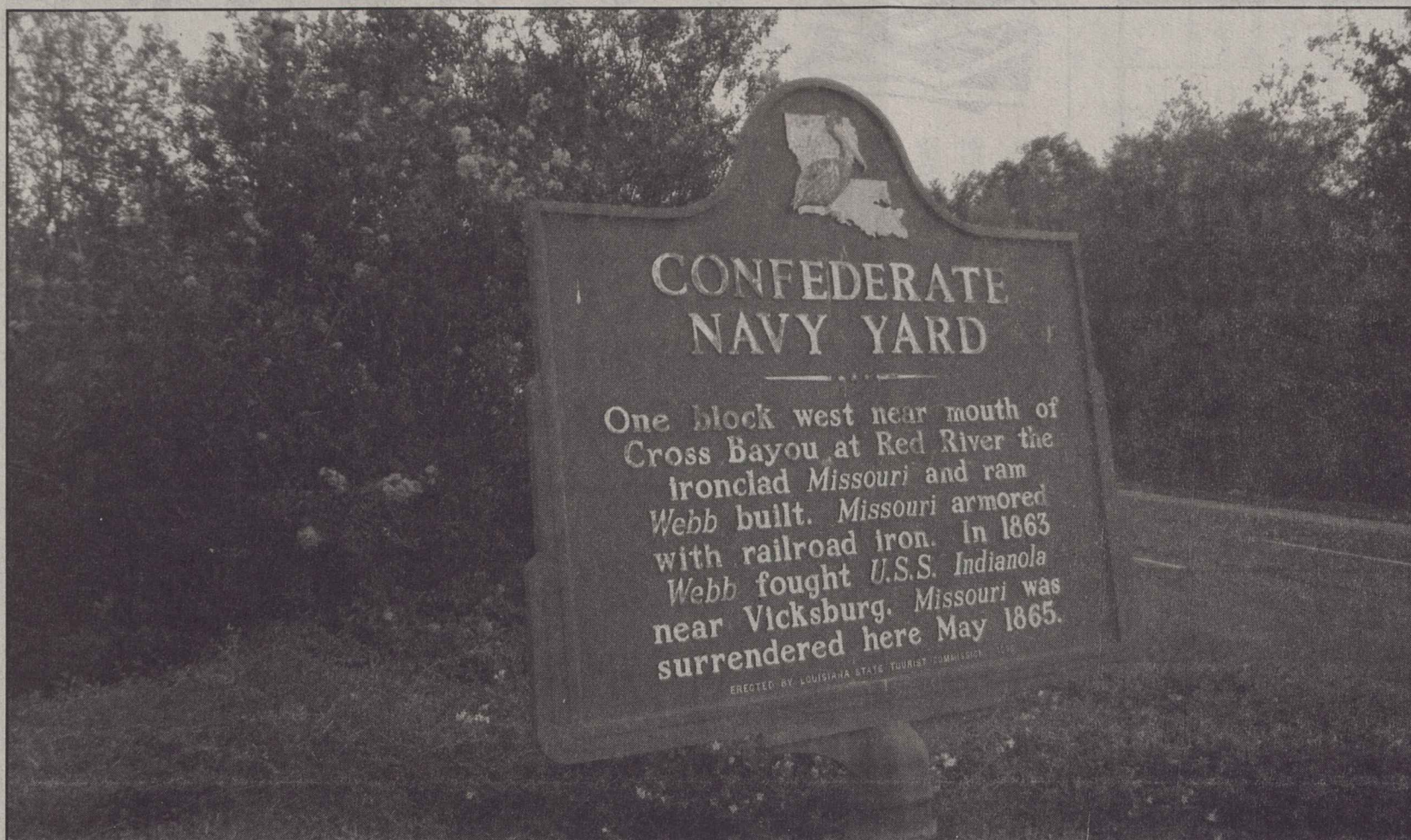
stimulates our growth as a campus and a community.

If you’re interested in learning more about home biodiesel production or the effects of biodiesel on the environment, there are many sites online that describe how it works and how

it affects the earth. If you’re interested in getting involved with the GreenHouse or participating in field trips such as this one, add Centenary GreenHouse on Facebook or check out www.centenarygreenhouse.tumblr.com.

VIEWPOINTS

Perusing the Past: Shreveport's Forgotten Navy



Zac Cowser
Contributing Writer

Down Market Street, on the north side of downtown Shreveport near the Red River, a faded historical marker lies amidst bushes in the road's median. Having flown past the sign many times without shooting it a second look, I finally took the time to stop and read what it had to say. To my surprise, it informed me that once upon a time, Shreveport had a naval yard and in fact, the beginnings of its own little navy.

When the American Civil War erupted in 1861, the newly formed Confederate States of America had no navy. Despite her best efforts to put ships into action, the early years of the war saw a Federal blockade choking

Confederate coasts and challenging the Rebel's control of various rivers—including the Red River that flows through Shreveport down towards the mighty Mississippi. In an effort to stymie Union attempts to gain control of the Red River, the Confederacy ordered Shreveport's naval facilities to build ironclad rams that could defend the river and the city. Thus, the Confederate Shreveport Naval Yard was born.

The Yard did in fact construct an ironclad ship (the Civil War being the first war where wooden ships were outmoded by ironclads), the CSS Missouri. The Missouri, however, proved difficult to construct, and she ultimately did not see any action during the war. The Missouri does have the notable claim of being the last Confederate ship

to surrender in home waters in early 1865. Shreveport's naval facilities also helped repair and maintain the CSS Webb, a Rebel gunboat that helped sink a Union warship outside of Vicksburg in 1863.

Yet the most curious and fascinating creations of the Shreveport Navy Yard are somewhat mythical, as their existence, though highly likely, has not been concretely proven. The Civil War saw the first successful use of submarine warfare, as the Confederacy experimented with any possible contraption that could break the iron grip of the Union blockade. The CSS Hunley, operating out of Charleston Harbor and responsible for the first successful submarine attack in history, is undoubtedly the most famous of these subs. Yet

as it turns out, a small group of engineers known as the Singer Submarine Corps were building submarines in several Western cities, including Houston and Shreveport. The four Singer submarines in Shreveport were described by Union witnesses as "40 feet long, 48 inches deep, and 40 inches wide, built entirely of iron, and shaped similar to a steam boiler...propelled at a rate of four miles per hour...usually seven feet under water...[carrying] two torpedoes, one at the bow, attached to a pole 20 feet long." These subs were meant to glide under the water and ram enemy warships with a long pole with explosives attached to the end. They were a serious worry of Union naval commanders, so much so that chains were criss-

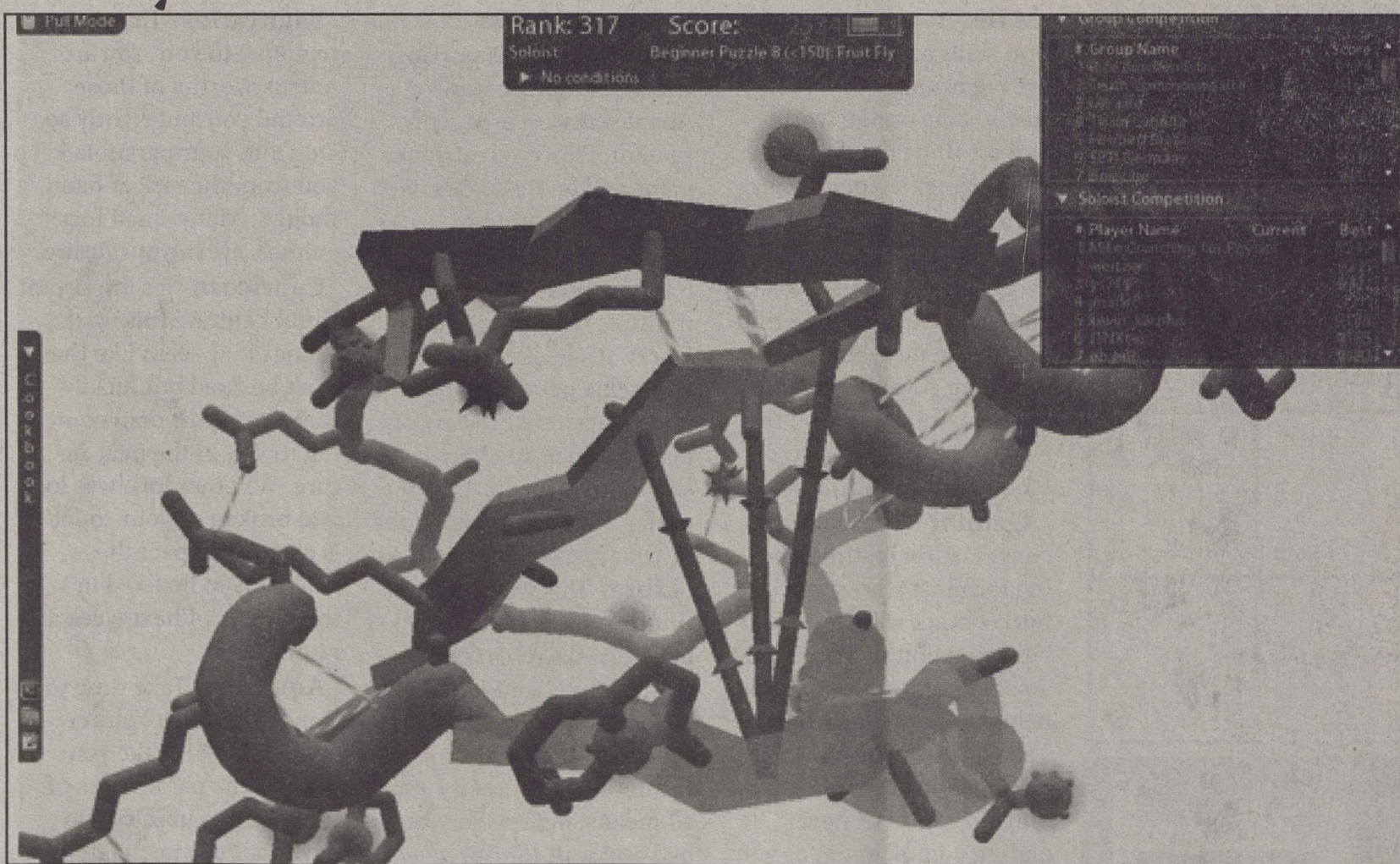
crossed near the mouth of the Red River on the Mississippi to prevent the submersibles from causing damage on the Mississippi or the Gulf.

Yet Union fears proved needless. Despite plentiful evidence that the submarines existed and were close to completion, they never materialized as a threat to the enemy. When Union forces occupied Shreveport in March, 1865 as the Confederacy collapsed, no submarines were found. Their final location (and to some extent their very existence) remains a mystery. Perhaps they lay in a watery grave in the Red River somewhere amongst the glitzy casinos and boardwalks in downtown Shreveport.

Ironclads, gunboats, and mysterious submarines...history surprises us in the least expected places. During the Civil War, Shreveport built and maintained its very own mini-navy to protect the Red River. For those interested in visiting the historical marker that started my historic hunt, you can find it on Market Street just past the bridge over Cross Bayou, the branch of the Red River where the old Navy Yard stood.

For more information from my sources see "The Last Ironclad, One Audacious Cottonclad and Five Submarines: Shreveport's Navy Yard" by Zachary C. Cowser, *One Damn Blunder from Beginning to End: The Red River Campaign of 1864*, by Gary D. Joiner, *Union and Confederate Submarine Warfare in the Civil War*, Mark K. Ragan, "Closing Operations in the Gulf and Western Rivers" by James Russell Soley, USN, and *Iron Afloat: The Story of the Confederate Armorclads*, by William N. Still Jr.

Weird Science: Video Gamers find Solution to Enzyme Structure of Virus Similar to AIDS



Madeline Fechter
Viewpoints Editor

According to her online article in the DailyTech, Tiffany Kaiser, said, "Video games may not enhance cognitive abilities, as concluded by a recent Florida State University study, but that doesn't mean that gamers aren't capable of achievement beyond

just saving the princess."

However, gamers have successfully figured out the structure of an enzyme of a virus similar to AIDS, which has confused scientists for about a decade.

Scientists at the University of Washington have been baffled by the structure of a monomeric protease enzyme, which is an

agent in the "complex molecular tailoring" of the family of retroviruses that includes HIV.

Kaiser said that "scientists could only see a one-dimensional, flat image of the protein through microscopes and needed a 3D image in order to unravel the molecule. By doing this, researchers could reveal potential targets for drug treatments and

better understand how certain diseases work in general."

In 2008, the University of Washington researchers developed a video game called Foldit,

an experimental video game about protein folding, developed as a collaboration between the University of Washington's departments of Computer

Science and Engineering and Biochemistry

Gamers were divided into competing groups, and played the fun-for-purpose video game. In just three weeks, the gamers had created an accurate model of the enzyme. According to Yahoo News, it's the first time gamers have found the solution to a longstanding scientific problem.

"We wanted to see if human intuition could succeed where automated methods had failed," said Firas Khatib, of the University of Washington's biochemistry lab quoted in Kaiser's article. "The ingenuity of game players is a formidable force that, if properly directed, can be used to solve a wide range of scientific problems."

Kaiser also said that Seth Cooper, one of Foldit's creators, explained that the gamer's succeeded where the computer failed because people have spatial reasoning skills, and the game further brought the strengths of humans as well as computers together.

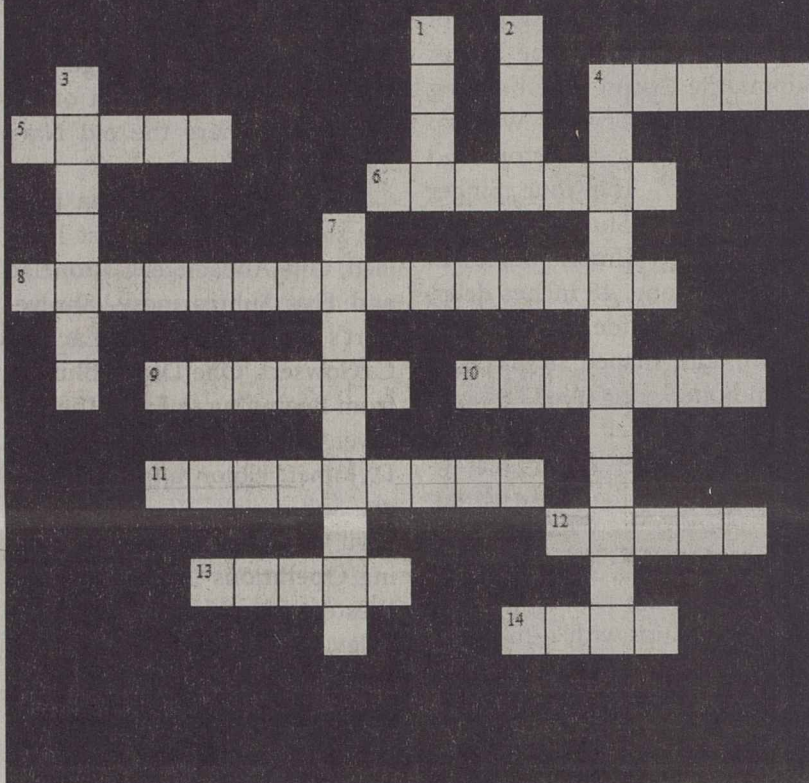
To read more about this discovery, you can purchase the researchers' publication, *Crystal structure of a monomeric retroviral protease solved by protein folding game player*, online from *Nature Structural & Molecular Biology* journal.

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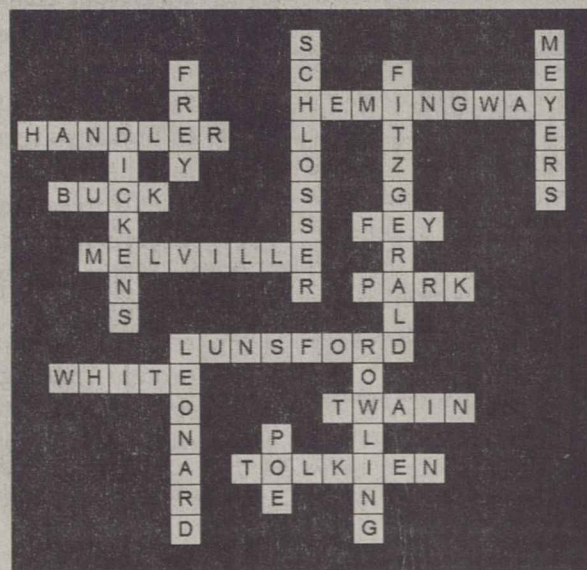


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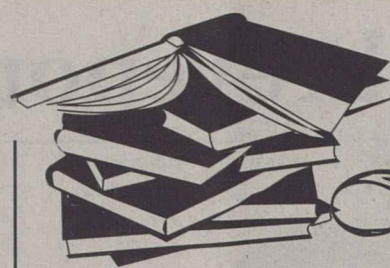
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Literary

"The Writer"
By Kyle Kramer

My life is a movie in my head

It's not being watched by anyone but me

An audience of one critiques everything said

And his quiet, piercing gaze continually distracts me.

I speak and I move and I watch the words

They're mine I guess, but not edited yet—

A script turned in too early, rough and raw.

Anxiously awaiting his decisions, I let

My actions, midstream, be edited by the analyst inside.

I'm justified, surely, in feeling this way,

In laying bare these thoughts, as my emotions collide.

His eyes understand, but he shakes his head

The critic annoys me, but I know why he's there.

While editing life, one can't be living—

Removed, one can watch, say what's wrong or what's fair

Without having to be the main character.

To live in comedies, unedited and unpublished,

Lets boisterous laughter abound within—

But all tragedies should be edited.

My heart pounds, blood pulsing in my ears, and I'm nervous,

Not for me, but for the story

Want to
contribute one
of your works
to literary
corner?

Email us at:
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Horoscopes

Aries-Your communication skills are especially prevalent this week. Feel free to take on the world and set things on fire with you oozing personality.

Taurus- You're feeling off kilter as of late, take time away from your busy week and give yourself some time to smooth out your worries. Avoiding communication is the best option for you this week, wouldn't want to offend your significant other.

Gemini- As usual your conversation is stimulating for most who come into contact with you. Your lightning bolt of a brain and amazing oratory skills may help you in the near future. Take on an especially challenging endeavor, like taking on your mother's never ending complaining, or your significant other's incessant need to be around you.

Cancer- Live your life out luxuriously and be sure to take on a challenge this week. You will more than likely succeed. Next time you see that grilled cheese, just take it. This week looks so great you won't even have to worry about adding on

those extra pounds.

Leo- The lion is purring this week. Your organizational skills are especially radiant. Expect great social gains and an insatiable need to eat gummy things.

Virgo- This week expect to find yourself alone on multiple occasions. Don't worry, it's needed. Give yourself a pat on the back. You've mastered the art of perseverance and you deserve a nice long break free of the trials and tribulations of your heavy work load.

Libra- This week you're timid and are fearful of taking any risks. This is probably the best route to take considering Saturn is on the verge of a huge confrontation with Venus. By all means, hide under your bed and wait for this week to pass.

Scorpio- Expect a lot less sleep this week. Whether it be random spurts of laughter at night that keep you awake or the sounds of basketballs hitting the ceiling above you, relax and let the insomnia take hold. Don't worry, there's a bout of narcolepsy in your future.

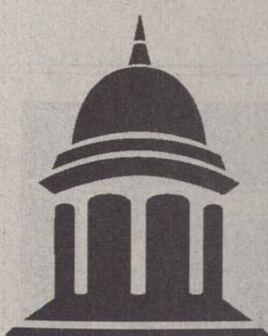
Hadley Million

Sagittarius- Things seem tentative to you. You are untrustworthy of those around you and rightly so. Don't let your paranoia keep you from the task at hand, though. Many small furry animals are in your future.

Capricorn- It's important to concentrate this week. Things may seem like they can't be fixed but luckily there's a repair man coming to you in the near future. Whether love was lost and broken or your toilet is clogged, expect these problems to be fixed in the middle of next week at noon.

Aquarius- Take time to think and study. Your creative mind will take you beyond the parameters of the earth, to infinity and beyond. Puff the magical dragon shall guide you there.

Pisces- This week you certainly are a bossy-floss. Be sure to take advantage of this state because next week doesn't look so glamorous. Solve problems, fix your hair, or simply tell a friend she looks gross. The world is your oyster.



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Where are you wearing? *How one man chose to track his garments to their source*

Christian Roberson
Staff Writer

On September 26, a man walked on stage with a bag, pulled out a pair of Christmas themed underwear with the words "Jingle These" sewn into them, and stated that he was one of the top ten underwear journalists in the state. The vibrant introduction

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- Kelsey Timmerman



Kelsey Timmerman

can very well describe Kelsey Timmerman, author of "Where Am I Wearing?", who was on campus last week to talk about his experiences as he followed underwear and other clothing back to where they were created.

Inspired by a shirt which read, "Come with me to my magical paradise," Timmerman followed the path of his shirt to Honduras. At the factory, he

spoke with worker for a short amount of time before leaving. Feeling disappointed by how little he had acquired on his stay in Honduras, he chose 3 pieces of clothing and traced them to Bangladesh, Cambodia, and China. In these places, Timmerman learned the lifestyles of people across the globe that he was connected with through the clothing that he had bought. His

experiences motivated him to write a book so that others would also know more about the world around them.

Timmerman's book and speech were intended with no agenda except to encourage readers and listeners to know more about people across the globe. He hopes that his book will show the reader how truly connected they are to various countries which most will never get a chance to see, establishing a link between the producer and the consumer, as well as the developing world and the developed. Having mentioned Centenary's Trek program, Timmerman stated, "I wish I had the opportunity to be involved in the community like what is required [at Centenary]."

If interested in becoming more of a global person, visit his website www.kelseytimmerman.com or purchase "Where Am I Wearing?" at the campus bookstore.

"Caring for the Aging" *Presentation for Centenary staff, students*

Adam Stephens
Staff Writer

Teresa Pielage of BrownRichards and Associates paid Centenary College a visit on Thursday, September 29, to address a delicate topic; namely, "Caring for the Aging Parents". The presentation took place in the Whited Room in Bynum Commons, and was attended by both students and professors.

Pielage, an Eldercare Specialist for BrownRichards, emphasized that the most important aspect of the process is open communication between the parents and their adult children.

"Senior citizens deserve respect and dignity, and our goal is to keep them independent for as long as possible," said Pielage. "Be sure that you know what they want out of life and respect their wishes."

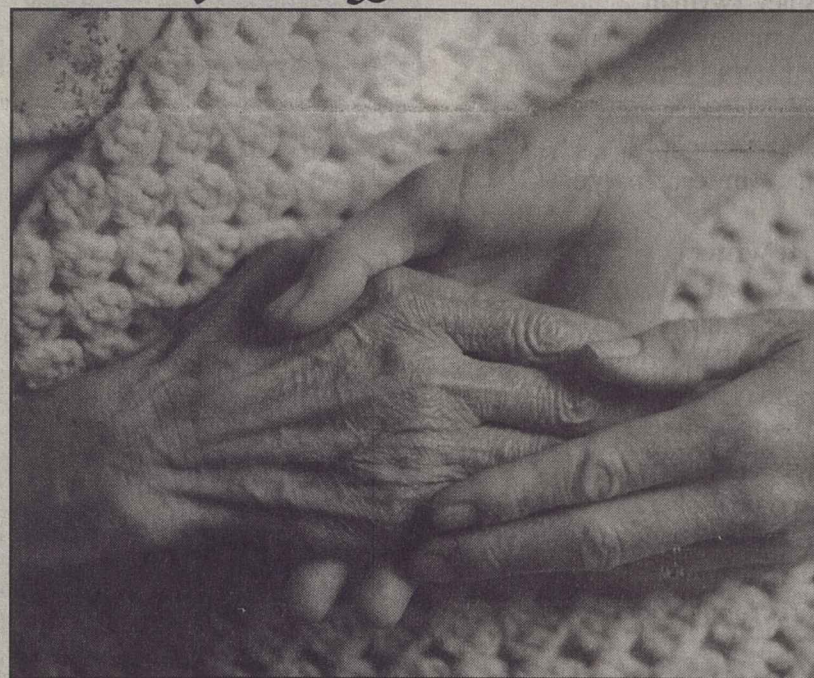
Some of the major topics discussed in the presentation include addressing one's fears

and concerns about being able to care for his or her parents, who should be included in the planning process (such as family members, friends, neighbors, etc.), researching local senior services in the area, and of course, the dreaded "driving conversation". One major aspect of the speech involved identifying ways to keep your parents as independent as possible (letting them say what they want to do, rather than imposing your own plans on them for example), and taking measures to allow them to safely live on their own.

Researching one's options for senior care was an underlying theme, and a task that Pielage stated to be where BrownRichards and Associates helped the most.

"We'll help you do the research and formulate a plan," said Pielage. "Realize that there are a lot of sources to support you; it's a matter of knowing where to get the information."

While students were invited to the presentation, it was



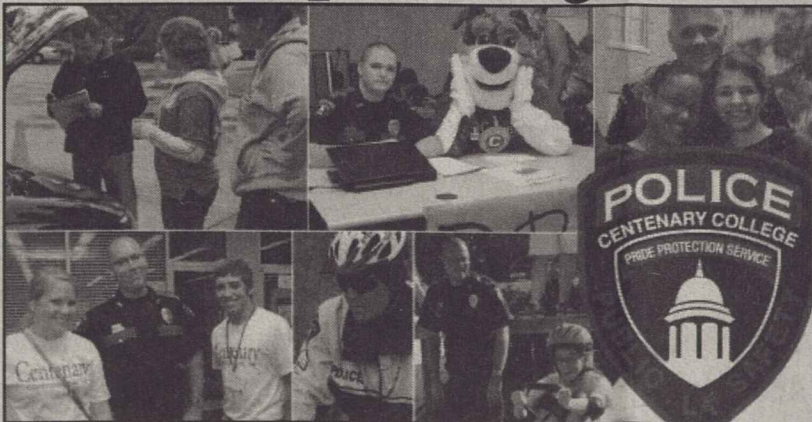
equally attended by- if not better attended by- professors who faced such a dilemma with their own parents.

"I thought the knowledge was beneficial," said Tina Feldt, Director of Counseling and Disability Services for Centenary. "While my mother is still mostly independent, I know that my responsibilities will continue to

increase as she continues to age. I am a social worker... but I can always learn more."

BrownRichards and Associates specialize in researching family care services for many different situations, including health care, childcare, college planning, eldercare, etc. For more information, go to www.brownrichards.com.

Centenary's Department of Public Safety holds free upcoming events, contests for students



Courtesy of Centenary.edu

Andrea Violet
Business Manager

The "Name the Cart Contest" is still open! Last week's contest is being extended for another week. All students have to do is visit the Centenary College

Police Department page on Facebook, "Like" the page, and then write their proposed name on the wall. The winner of this contest will receive an all campus parking pass, better known as the "Golden Pass."

DPS does things for students on campus more often than

contests. Their department holds events to help students, raise awareness for certain things, and to keep the campus safe in general.

The first event coming up will be Check Your Ride, which will be occurring the weekend before we leave for fall break, on Saturday October 8th and Sunday the 9th from 1-4 pm. This event will be held in the turn-a-round circle in front of the Anderson Choral Building. DPS will show students how to check their vehicle to make sure it is road-ready. All supplies will be furnished, compliments of Advanced Auto. This is a great event for students to attend before heading home for the break to ensure that their car is in prime condition for all their

road travel!

One of the next events that DPS is starting up is the nationally recognized self defense class just for females. R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) classes will be starting soon and students can sign-up on the Centenary College Police Department's Facebook page. This class is offered for free at Centenary, so female students are highly encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity.

Stay tuned for periodical articles detailing the events coming up from DPS for the Centenary students! The events are specifically designed to help students with problems they may come across and not have the means to deal with themselves, so take full advantage of them!

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Letter from the Editor: “Gems and things.”

Ashley Lynch
Editor in Chief

Honestly, I never know what to write in these letters.

Part of it has to do with the fact that I feel like I should be imparting some gems of wisdom, some acquired knowledge from my past four years here at Centenary.

Another part of it has to do with the fact that it's a daunting box of white space with no rhyme or reason.

Another yet is that I don't want to sound preachy, or know-it-allish, because I'm still learning things, even now, four years down the line.

So, for the sake of all of you who are fighting through your college midterms for the first time, or still battling them with gusto even 2-3 years later, I'll pass on a few tips that I've picked up from my professors. I haven't always used them, but I can at least realize when I should have.

“Start early.”

No brainer, right? Exams, speeches, and projects have a

tendency to be a lot less stressful when you start tackling the necessary material early. Why, then, do many of us often find ourselves waiting until that night or two before the due date to cram as much use(ful, less) knowledge into our brains as we possibly can over the course of those few hours? Simple: “excuse here.” Whether it's “I work better under pressure,” or “I had so much on my plate,” we can always find a way to push back that test prep, guaranteed.

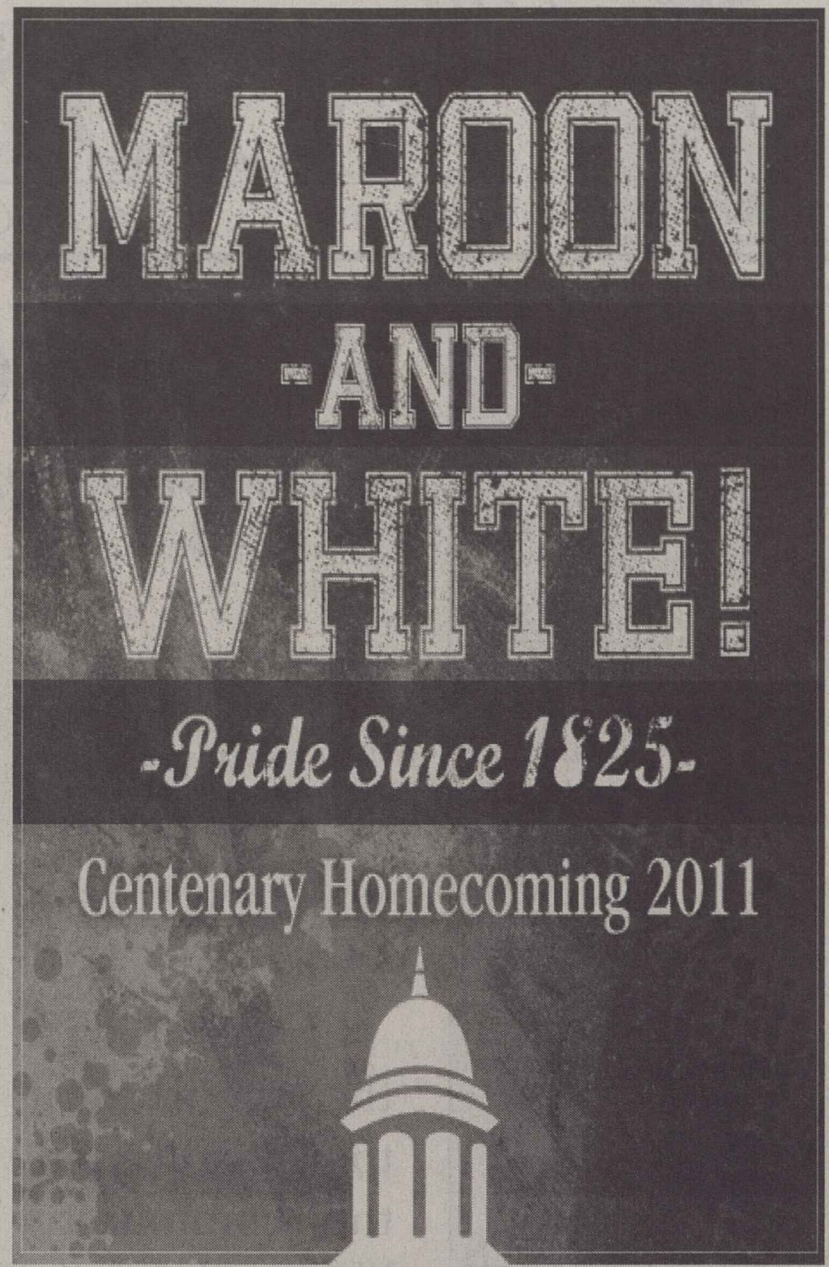
“Practice, Practice, Practice.”

Staring at your 56 powerpoint slides doesn't always guarantee that you're soaking up that information, just like writing a quick outline of your presentation doesn't mean that you'll say it right on the first go. Take an hour or two to go over it a few times and try a whiteboard.

And, my personal favorite, for when the stress levels hit their peak and life seems futile:

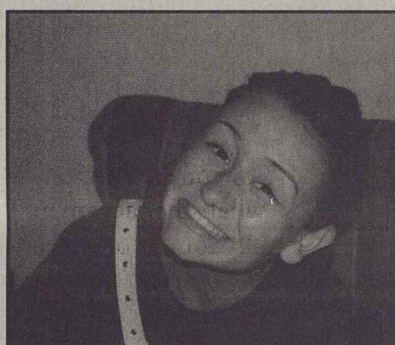
“How much is this grade going to matter later in life?”

Note: Use with discretion. It's not always the best to turn to!

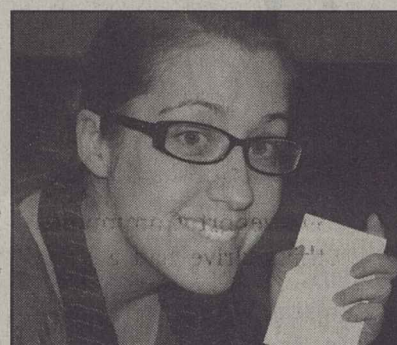


Question of the Week

What are you doing for
Fall Break?



Going home.
Ali Beccera, Sophomore



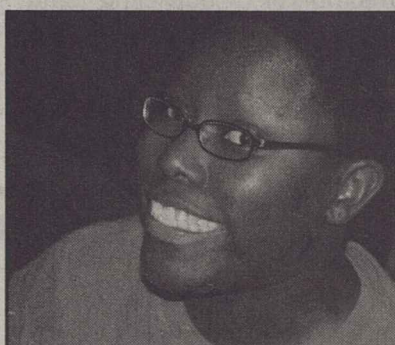
Going to visit my boyfriend.
Deon Wadsworth, Sophomore



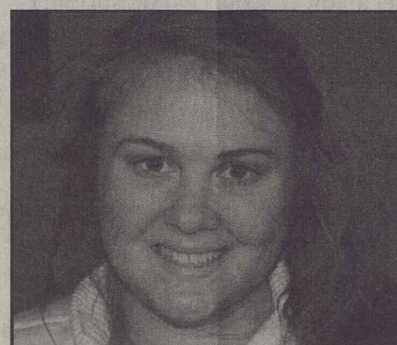
Soccer practice.
Dustin Sexson, Freshman



Going to a cabin with friends.
Jessica Bato, Sophomore



Going to the doctor.
Samarra Kinchen, Junior



Sleeping in.
Stephanie Evans, Junior

UPs & DOWNS



New LED Lighting

Can actually see things when you're walking around campus at night now!



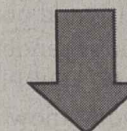
The Glory of Living

Emotional rollercoasters, yay!



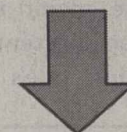
Capuccino Machine

We're loving this new addition!



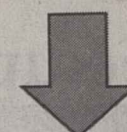
Freezing in the buildings

We love wearing winter coats in buildings...



Sickness

Sneezing, coughing, sore throats: GROSS



Midterms

Whomp, whomp...

Fitness Center Classes

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
6:00 am	Turbo Kick	-	-	-
7:15 am	-	Total Body	-	Total Body
11:15 am	-	ABS	-	ABS
Noon	Pilates	Yoga	Pilates	Yoga
4:35 pm	-	Mosley's	-	-
5:00 pm	Step	-	Hi/Lo	-
5:30 pm	-	Cycling	-	Turbo Kick
6:00 pm	Zumba	-	Zumba	-

Fall Hours

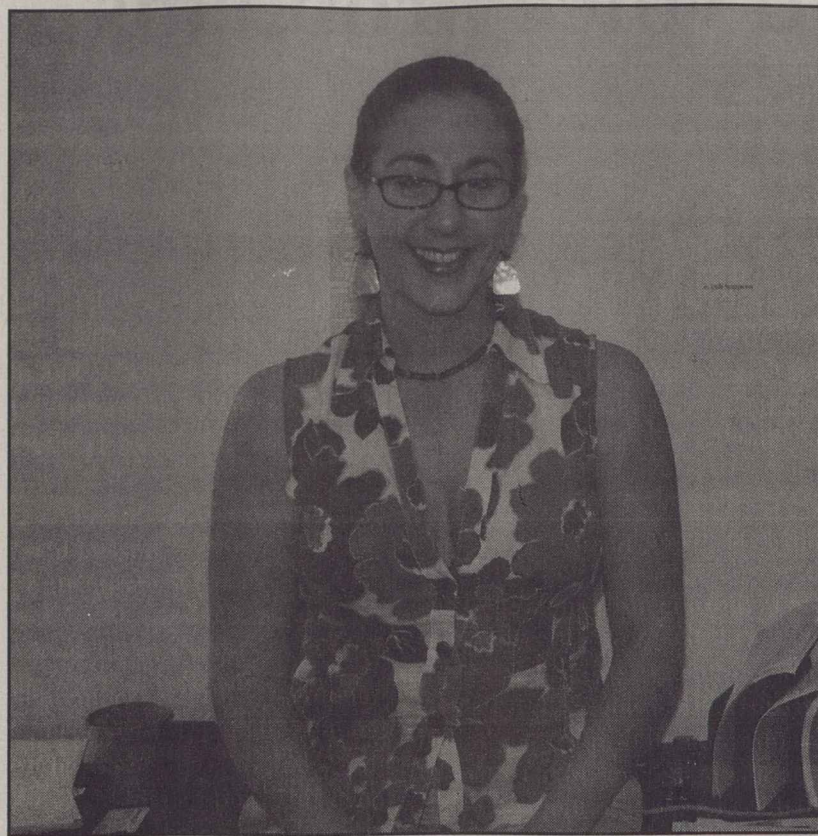
Mon-Thu: 6am - 10pm
Fri: 6am - 6pm
Sat: Noon - 6pm
Sun: 2pm - 6pm

Pool Hours

Mon-Fri: 11am - 2pm
Mon Night: 8pm - 10pm
Wed Night: 6pm - 10pm
Sat & Sun: 2pm - 6pm

News

Welcome Dr. Cristina Caldari-Farren: Newest Member of Centenary's Biology Department



Christian Price
Staff Writer

Christian Price/Conglomerate

Centenary College would like to give a nice, warm welcome to the newest member of the biology department, Dr. Cristina Caldari-Farren.

Dr. Farren is a native from San Juan, Puerto Rico. She came to the United States when she was 23 for graduate school. She attended the University of Florida, where she obtained her Masters as well as her Ph.D.

Dr. Farren's Masters degree is in the reproduction and nutrition of dairy cows. She holds a

Ph.D for studying the effects of nutrition on the immunity and reproductive system of dairy cows.

When asked how she likes Centenary so far, Dr. Farren said, "I love it. This is a really great place to be." Dr. Farren likes the students here at Centenary and has a genuine respect for her colleagues.

Since this is her first year here, Dr. Farren was asked about what she hopes to accomplish here at Centenary. She responded with, "This is the first time

teaching my own class. I want to learn from the professors that have been here already." Right now one of her main goals is to make a good impression on students.

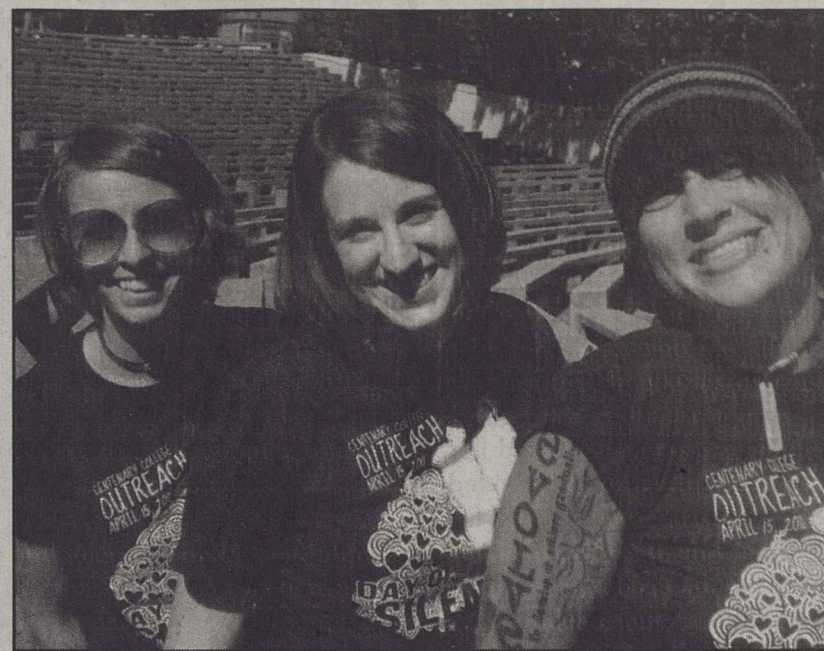
Not many students know about Dr. Farren, so she would like them to know, whether she knows them or not, that her door is always open. She is willing to help any student out, and answer any questions they might have. Especially if those questions pertain to biology, horses, or dogs.

Outside of a wondrous academic life of teaching biology, Dr. Farren is a horse lover. She has been riding for over 20 years and has been training them for at least 10 years. She is also an avid dog lover. She currently has two dogs, which are like her children, and a wonderful, loving husband.

A piece of advice Dr. Farren would like to give others would be, "Treat your body like a temple." She believes the key to being healthy is eating right, getting enough sleep, and working out. She feels this is very true for college students. If this can be managed, your body will be well.

Dr. Farren has so far proved to be an amazing addition to the biology department and this establishment. It is a joy to have her here, and hopefully she will have many fantastic years to stay at Centenary College of Louisiana.

Organization Spotlight: *Outreach*



Karley Aiken/Conglomerate

Karley Aiken
A&E Editor

Outreach is the gay/straight alliance (LGBTQ group) on campus. Outreach is dedicated to creating a safe environment where students can communicate with each other. They have meetings once a week to discuss current issues, provide a safe place for all people and viewpoints, and put on events throughout the year celebrating LGBTQ awareness and tolerance in the community.

For those of you that aren't sure what a GSA represents, this is it in a nutshell: Gay/straight alliances support, encourage and accept individuals who claim a non-heteronormative sexual orientation, as well as allies of these individuals.

For those of you that are unclear about what the acronym LGBTQ stands for – or have been under the assumption that extra letters were recently added – here is some clarification: LGBTQQUIA represents Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, and Allies, but also includes Same Gender Loving, Two Spirit, Asexual, Pansexual, and polyamorous.

Terms 101: Being gay or lesbian means that you have strong physical, emotional and romantic feelings for people of the same sex. Being bisexual means you have these feelings (not necessarily equally) for men and women. Transgender is a term that

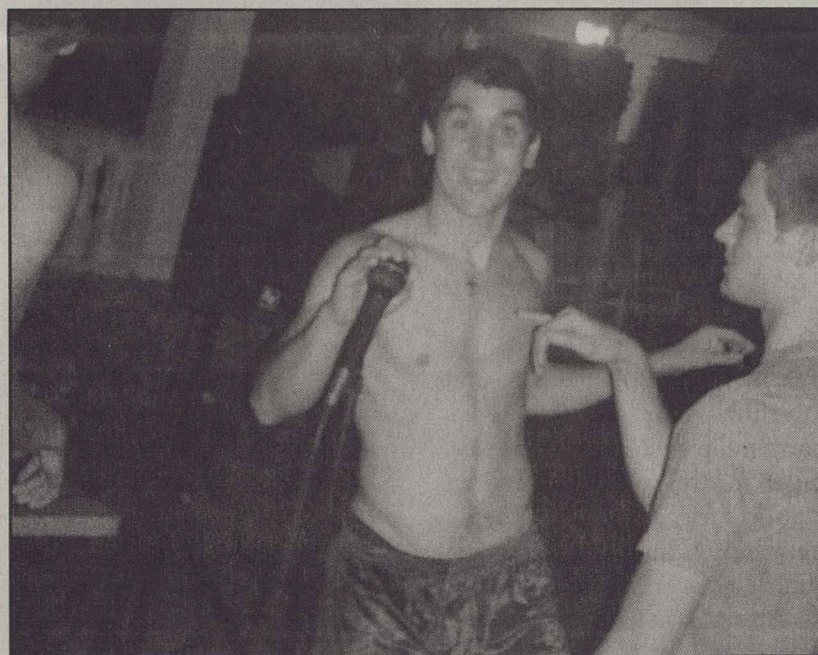
describes a broad range of people who experience and/or express their gender somewhat differently from what most people expect. It is an overarching term that covers a wide spectrum of gender expressions and identities, including those who identify as transvestites, drag kings/queens, transsexuals and androgynies as well as anyone expressing gender characteristics that do not correspond with characteristics traditionally ascribed to the person's sex or presumed sex.

Sexual orientation (being straight, gay, lesbian or bisexual) and gender identity (whether you feel you are male, female or some combination of both) are two distinct though often related concepts. For example, transgender people may be gay, lesbian, bisexual or heterosexual.

The first event Outreach is organizing for this school year will take place October 10 in James Hall: members of Outreach and any students that would like to join will be decorating t-shirts to wear to celebrate National Coming Out Day on October 11. Outreach is also planning to hold a fundraiser for National AIDS Day, as well as bring award-winning slam poet Andrea Gibson to Centenary for Day of Silence in April.

If you're interested in learning more about Outreach, stop by Jackson 302 at 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays and join in the conversation!

Rotaract is Running Strong



Chad Nelson
Contributing Writer

Courtesy of Chad Nelson

Thursday evening on September 29th, Centenary College was fortunate enough to have the 1st Annual Undi-Run held on campus. This event was held by the revived Rotaract Club of Centenary College. The Undi-Run was not put on for the pleasure of running through campus in undergarments, but for the purpose of allowing students to give back to their

community while having fun. The students wore clothes that they wished to donate to the registration table and turned them in to be donated to local charities in Shreveport.

President of Rotaract Club of Centenary College Chad Nelson said, "I was nervous about hosting this event on campus being that I have only been here a month, but it was a great success!" Over 900 articles of clothing were tallied up to be donated to charities

in the Shreveport Community. This clothing drive had a great impact with the collaboration of generous efforts from the students, faculty, and staff. Chad also stated, "It was true when student ambassadors and recruiting offices told me that Centenary was a family. Seeing people come out to the run to support such a great cause even when they all had much homework to do, was truly a blessing." The attendees of the Undi-Run varied from student athletes, student leaders of other organizations, and courteous KA fraternity members alongside with their dog Nelli.

The purpose of Rotaract Club of Centenary College is to provide an opportunity for young men and women to enhance the knowledge and skills that will assist them in personal development, to address the physical and social needs of their communities, and to promote better relations between all people worldwide through a framework of friendship and service. Rotaract would also like to thank the Department of Public Safety for assisting in the safety of this event.

SGA: Homecoming budget approved and CLC Fall Mission Trip received allocation

Madeline Fechter
Viewpoints Editor

After roll call and the approval of last week's minutes, the October 4 SGA meeting commenced at 8:00 p.m. in the White Room.

In the officers' reports, Treasurer Madeline Fechter informed the Senate of the fall 2011 resolution budget of \$29,677.31.

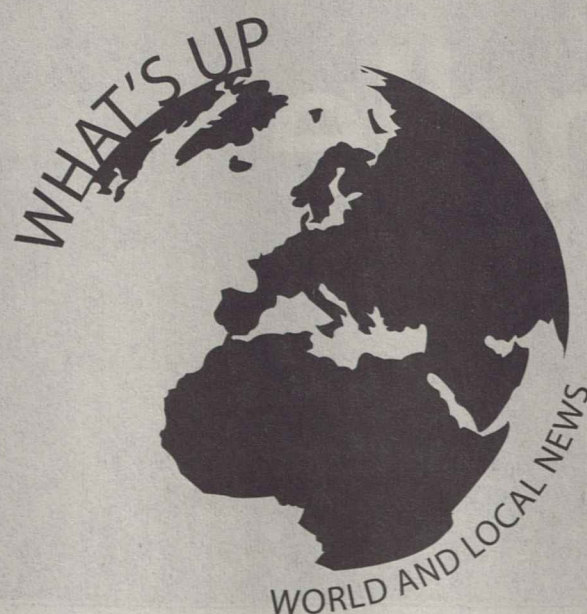
Executive Vice President Kendall Hughes explained the fall Homecoming teaser campaign in which the SGA will give out prizes to those who participate in the Maroon Jacket sponsored "Maroon and White" Fridays, in which Centenary students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to wear the College's colors.

Hughes also reminded the Senate that the deadline for chartering or re-chartering your organization is this Friday. If an organization wishes to apply for the allocation of funds from the SGA's percent of student fees, they must be chartered with the SGA.

In special business, Advisor to the Honor Court Joshua Lawrence spoke to the Senate about the revisions to the Honor Court constitution. The Senate then brought the Honor Court Constitution back on the table, which failed before the Senate last week. The Senate then voted and passed the revisions to the Honor Court Constitution.

In old business, the Homecoming budget was amended from \$9,329 to \$10,000. The Homecoming budget was then voted upon and passed. The budget includes homecoming giveaways, publicity, window painting/canned food contest, gumbo cook-off, un-parade, and the tailgate.

Also from last week, Resolution 1011_04: CLC Fall Mission Trip to allocate funds to the Chaplain's Office for the fall mission trip to New Orleans from October 12-16 was discussed by the Senate. Subsequently, the Senate allocated \$3022.22 to the mission trip on which 20 Centenary students will attend.



Amanda Knox

US citizen, Amanda Knox, was found not guilty of murder on Monday, October 3rd. Knox has been in an Italian prison for four years due to her conviction of the sexual assault and stabbing of her British roommate, Meredith Kercher.



Steve Jobs

Apple co-founder, Steve Jobs, died Wednesday, October 5th at the age of 56. Jobs, who had been battling cancer for several years, recently stepped down from his position as CEO of Apple, Inc.



Wall Street

Wall Street is seeing a growing number of protests as thousands gather to "Occupy Wall Street." Protesters argue a range of reasons as their purpose, including "the promotion of social awareness to radical changes in America's financial and political systems."

A&E

There's a fire starting in my... throat: Adele cancels U.S. tour due to voice problems

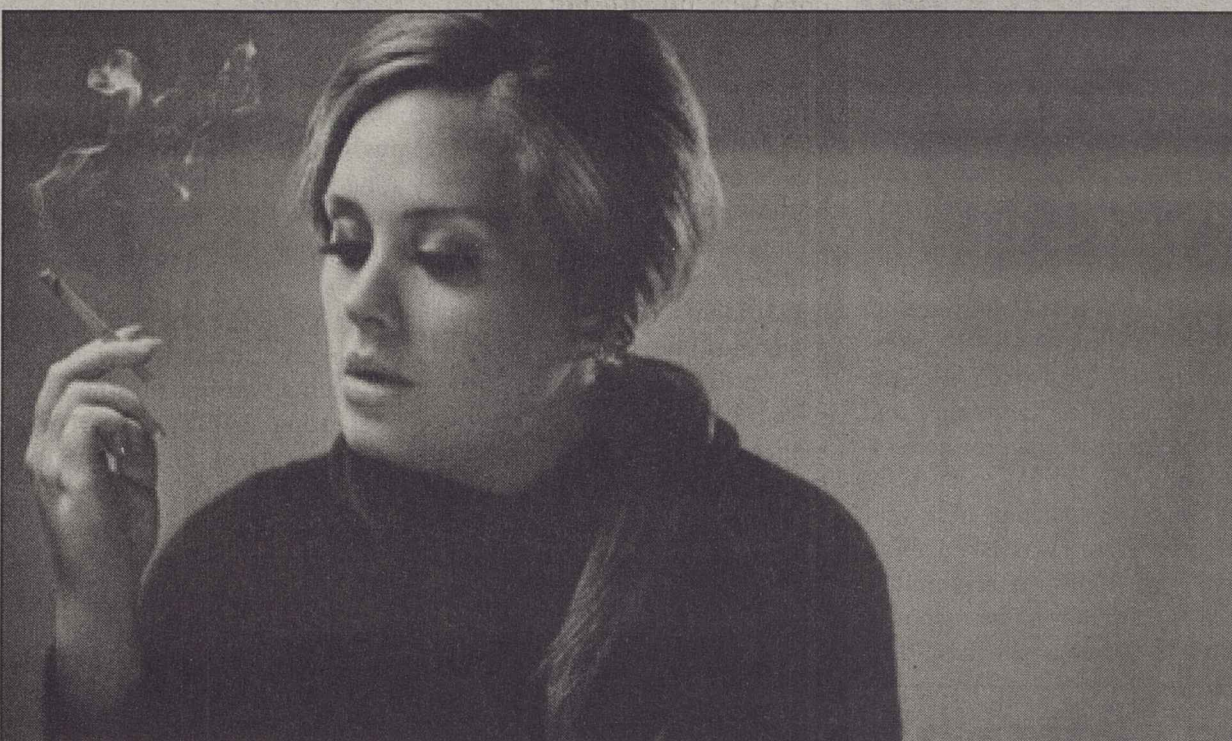
Madeline Fechter
Viewpoints Editor

October 4, Adele canceled her upcoming U.S. tour due to a hemorrhage in her vocal cord.

The tour was supposed to start October 7 in Atlantic City and positioned to cover much of the South and Texas over ten dates; the tour was sold out. In a statement, Columbia Records said Adele's doctors advised her to rest her voice for an "extended rest period."

Following her highly-anticipated performance at the MTV VMAs and enjoying another Hot 100 hit with "Someone Like You" (currently at number two), Adele promises her fans to "smash the ball out of the park" once she's back on the road. Her full statement:

"singing is literally my life, its my hobbie, my love, my freedom and now my job. I have absolutely no choice but to recuperate properly and fully, or i risk damaging my voice forever. i have great confidence in believing you know how much this upsets me, how seriously i take it and how truly devastated and annoyed i am by this. wanting to do something so bad and not being able to is the most frustrating thing as im sure you know! my voice is weak and i need to build it back up. I'm gonna be starting up vocal rehab as soon as, and start building my over all stamina in my voice, body and mind. i will



Singer/Songwriter Adele

be back and im gonna smash the ball out the park once im touring again. i apologise from the bottom of my heart, sincerely i do. i know its not only disappointing because of the show, but its plane tickets, hotel bookings, birthdays, anniversaries and time wasted. but please have faith in me that this is the only thing i can do to make sure i can always sing and always make music for you to the best of my ability. truly yours and yours only forever, adele xx"

Vocal issues forced Adele to postpone concert dates earlier this year as well. Details on makeup dates will be released later for the following tour stops:

- Oct. 7: Atlantic City, NJ (Borgata Spa & Resort)
- Oct. 8: Durham, NC (Durham Performing Arts Center)
- Oct. 10: Nashville, TN (Ryman Auditorium)
- Oct. 11: Asheville, NC (Thomas Wolfe Auditorium)
- Oct. 13: Orlando, FL (Hard Rock Live)
- Oct. 14: Miami, FL (Waterfront Theater at American Airlines Arena)
- Oct. 16: Atlanta, GA (Fox Theatre)
- Oct. 18: Spring, TX (Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavillion)
- Oct. 19: Austin, TX (Frank Erwin Center)
- Oct. 21: Grand Prairie, TX (Verizon Theatre at Grand Prairie)

Tech News: Tablets on Fire Now

Nathan Yacovissi
Photographer

The tablet market has expanded the last year or so, and more and more companies are joining the competition by entering their own product into the field. CNET this past week reported that Samsung has "unveiled yet another tablet to bolster its line. What is known as the "Galaxy Tab 7.0 plus, is 7-inch display that will join the 7.7-inch, 8.9-inch, and 10.1 inch tablet that are also offered by Samsung.

Like the other products, this Galaxy Tab will run Android 3.2 (Honeycomb) software, sport a 1.2 GHz dual-core processor, and give customers the option of having 16GB or 32GB of storage with the option of a microSD slot giving users the ability to add up to 32GB. This move comes just days after Amazon chose to announce the release date of the Kindle Fire.

Speaking of the Kindle Fire, this hot new product by Amazon is set to be released on November

15 this year. Starting at \$199, the Kindle Fire is a full color 7" multi-touch display, has Wi-Fi, and has a faster, powerful dual-core processor. If this seems simple and easy to use, that's because it is. Users can browse and buy 18 million movies, TV shows, songs, magazines, and books which look even better on the vibrant color touchscreen with extra-wide viewing angle. Thousands of popular apps and games can be downloaded from the Amazon Appstore, and not

to mention the free cloud storage, 8 GB internal storage, for all of your Amazon content. Finally, Amazon Prime members enjoy unlimited, instant streaming of over 10,000 popular movies and TV shows. For this low price, many people could be hopping in line for this awesome product at a nice price. People can begin preordering today on amazon.com.

Another electronic tablet making a move this week is the Nook Color. This past week, it was announced that the refurbished Nook Color has been cut down to \$149.99 in an article on cnet.com. This deal is being called a steal, especially if you

transform it into an Android tablet, which can be done on your own or with an N2A card. This gives a person access to more apps, including the Kindle app, opening up more books besides the ones offered by Barnes & Noble.

The Kindle Fire probably won't allow users to use the Nook app, but other than that, the Kindle Fire looks more promising overall. Regardless, either one of these tablets is an excellent deal at each respective price. It'll be interesting to see which tablets thrive and fall these upcoming months, especially ones released this past summer.

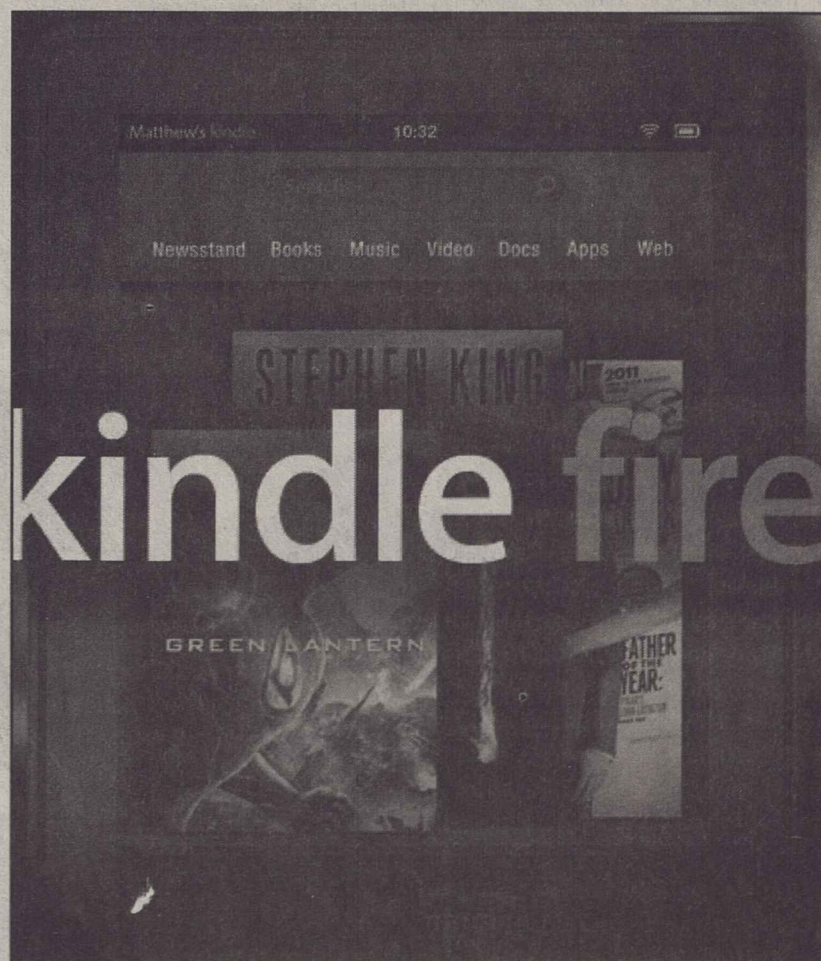


In theaters this weekend:

Real Steel: The IMAX Experience
Real Steel
The Ides of March
50/50
Courageous
The Dream House
What's Your Number?
Abduction
Dolphin Tale
Dolphin Tale 3D
Killer Elite
Moneyball
The Lion King 3D
Straw Dogs
Contagion

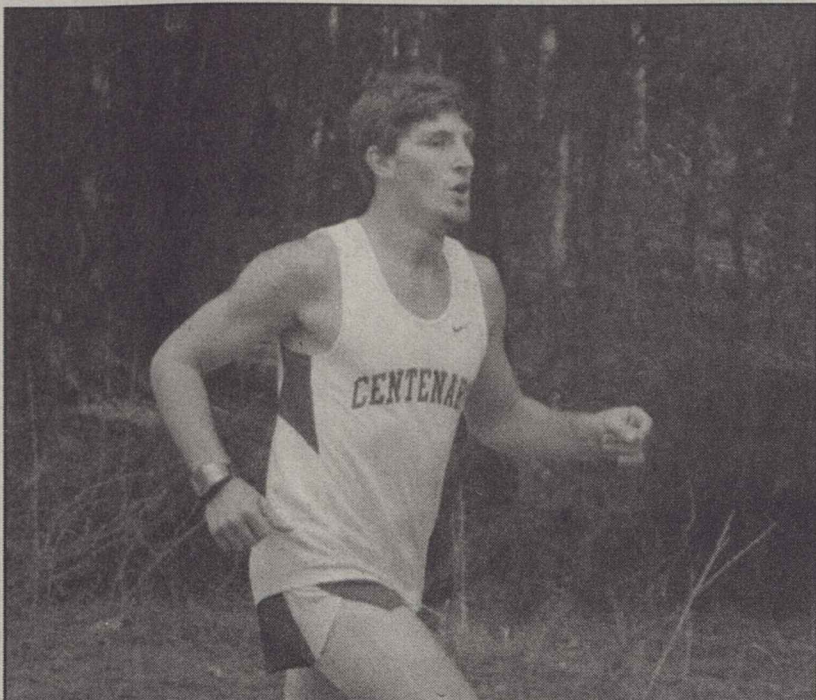
Now Playing and Coming Soon at The Robinson Film Center:

Senna
The Debt
Brighton Rock
Tabloid
Dead Alive
Detective Dee and the Mystery of the Phantom Flame



SPORTS

Running with a Broom



Chad Nelson
Contributing Writer

Sweeping the competition, the Centenary Ladies and Gents displayed greatness at the "5K Gator Run" last Saturday September 24th. This race has shown hard work put in by the Centenary Cross Country teams this season.

Taking the win from the field with a strong finish on the men's side, was the team captain Johnna-

Courtesy of GoCentenary.com
than Martin (Sr.) with an impressive time of (16:50). Following behind in third and fourth closely was Senior Robert Poole (17:14) and Junior Chad Nelson (17:29). Horacio D'Agostino finished seventh with a time of 19:11 and Freshman Daniel Barker placed 14th in 22:04. The men as a team edged out LeTourneau by a total of one point! LeTourneau took second on the men's side with 30 points, followed by Jarvis Christen with 69 points.

The women did not let the crowd down and also dominated the field. Many of the women cross country runners are also swimmers for Centenary College. The Ladies swept first through third place as Julie Hughes cruised in with a time of 21:02. Kayla Tibaldo finished second in 21:40, followed by Jacquelyn Batson in third with a time of 21:50. Mellynn Baker was not far behind placing fifth with an impressive time of (21:59), while Bonnie Cook finished seventh and Hayley Schneider rounded out the Top 10. Also running for Centenary was Ashley Giffen, Michelle Gaubert, and Millicent Davis who also finished strong.

The Captain Shreve Alumni Association and the food bank of Northwest Louisiana team up every year for the annual Gator 5K and 1 Mile fun run at Kee Hedges Stadium. The charitable event gives back to the community every year due to participants bringing nonperishable food items for the bank. This event has and will continue to keep running with the support of many local Shreveport citizens.

Flag Football Playoffs Soon



Christian Prince
Staff Writer

The second week of flag football has been full of excitement. Emotions ran high as the competition and will to win rose.

Slight temper flares caused a delay in competitive play, and resulted in the cancelation of another game. Only one additional game was canceled due to an important fraternity commitment.

In the men's league baseball is holding strong, going into the final week with a 3-0 record. KA is following close behind with a 4-1 record. Wolfpack/TKE has lingered in the middle of the league with a 3-1 record.

Old School has a slight winning percentage with a 3-2 record. On the latter end of the league there is KE with a 1-5 record and CHOR with a 0-4 record.

On the women's side, the excitement is heating up with Chi-O leading the five game series with a two to one record over Zeta. With one more win, Chi-O takes home the bragging right of winning the Women's league.

Thursday night's game was an extreme nail-biter with an almost 30 minute overtime between these two ferocious squads. The regular time game ended in a 6-6 tie. Of course, this was unacceptable. Overtime was a must have.

Chi-O scored first to take

the lead 12-6. Zeta answered with a touchdown of their own to tie the score again. The next of downs did not produce a score for either team, leading to yet another set for each team.

Chi-O scored again to take an 18-12 lead. On the point after attempt Zeta intercepted the ball and ran it back for a touchdown changing the score to 18-15. Zeta then had another attempt to score and win the game. And Zeta capitalized on this opportunity winning the game 21-18.

The stats for the second week of play are (The winner of each is listed first):

Wolfpack v chor
27-14

Wolfpack v ke
25-0

Baseball v ka
34-7

Old school v ke
20-12

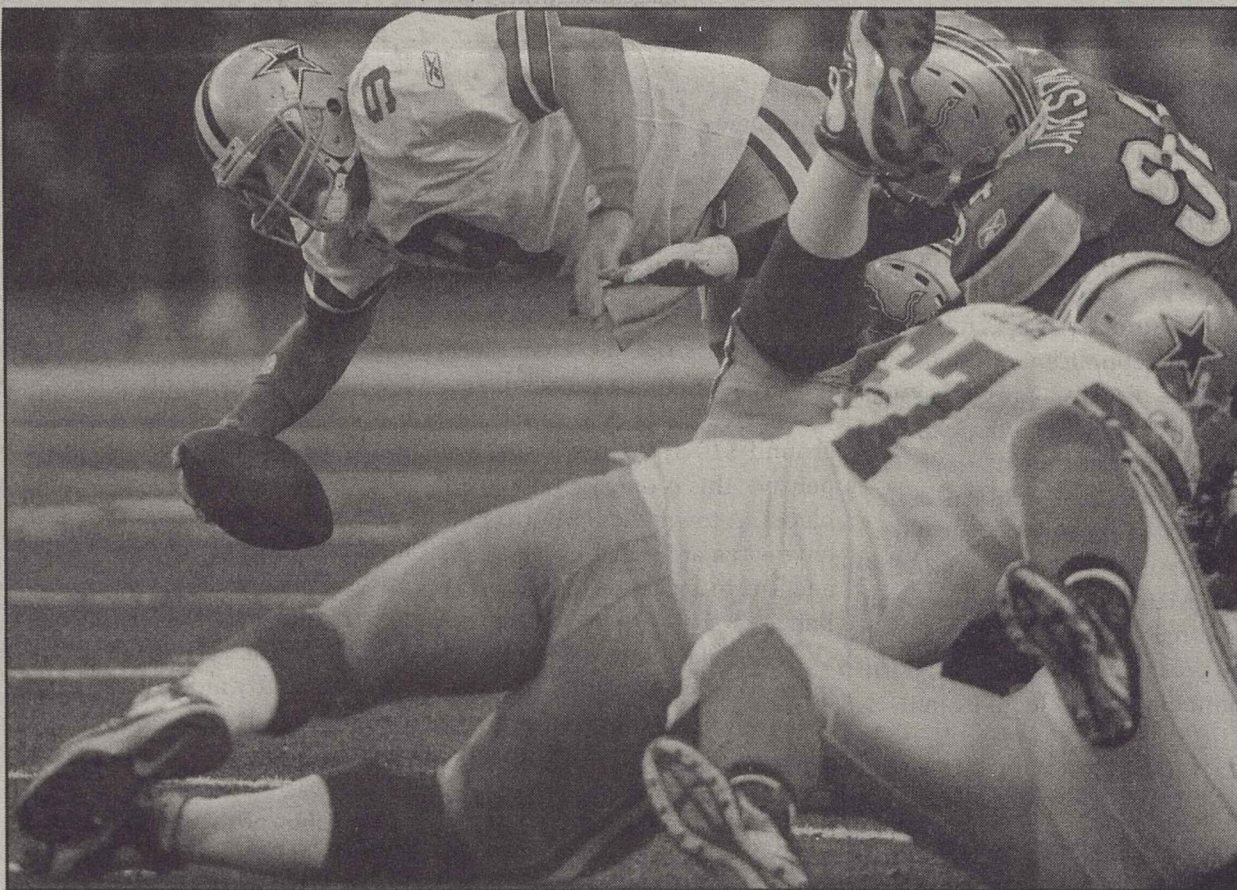
Ke v chor
25-6

Ka v old school
40-33

Chi-o v zta
8-6

Zta v chi-o
21-18

NFL Wrap Up: Week 4



Dallas Cowboys versus Detroit Lions

Nathan Yacovissi
Photographer

Each week is an important week for each team. Entering week 4, the NFL saw a few teams undefeated and looking to keep it that way. One team that made it through Sunday was the Detroit Lions. Accustomed to being in the bottom of the standings the past couple years, the Lions

not only won to improve to 4-0, they did so on the road against a Dallas Cowboys team that blew a 24-point lead. The Cowboys don't have to worry about being the only team blowing leads though. The Philadelphia Eagles seemed to be on track this game staking a 20 point lead in the 3rd quarter. However, they ended up falling to the San Francisco 49ers 24-23. Another surprise team, the Buffalo Bills fell to 3-1

in their first defeat of the season to the Cincinnati Bengals 23-20. Bills had a 17-3 lead in this game before the Bengals stormed back.

Along with the big comebacks, came close grinds throughout the day. The Chicago Bears took down the Carolina Panthers 34-29, the New York Giants stayed hot in Arizona with a 31-27 victory on the Cardinals, and the Atlanta Falcons flew out of Seattle with a 30-28 win

over the Sea Hawks. In a battle between teams with zero wins, it was the Kansas City Chiefs earning their first win 22-17 over the Minnesota Vikings. Two other teams looking for their first wins but failing to get them were the Miami Dolphins and St. Louis Rams falling to the San Diego Chargers and Washington Redskins respectively. The Redskins moved into first place in the Division at 3-1 this week too.

Other games for the day included: the New Orleans Saints over the Jacksonville Jaguars 23-10, the New England Patriots over the Oakland Raiders 31-19, and the Baltimore Ravens defense shut down the

New York Jets en-route to a 34-17 win. Aaron Rodgers also had a great game and led the still perfect Green Bay Packers over the Denver Broncos 49-23.

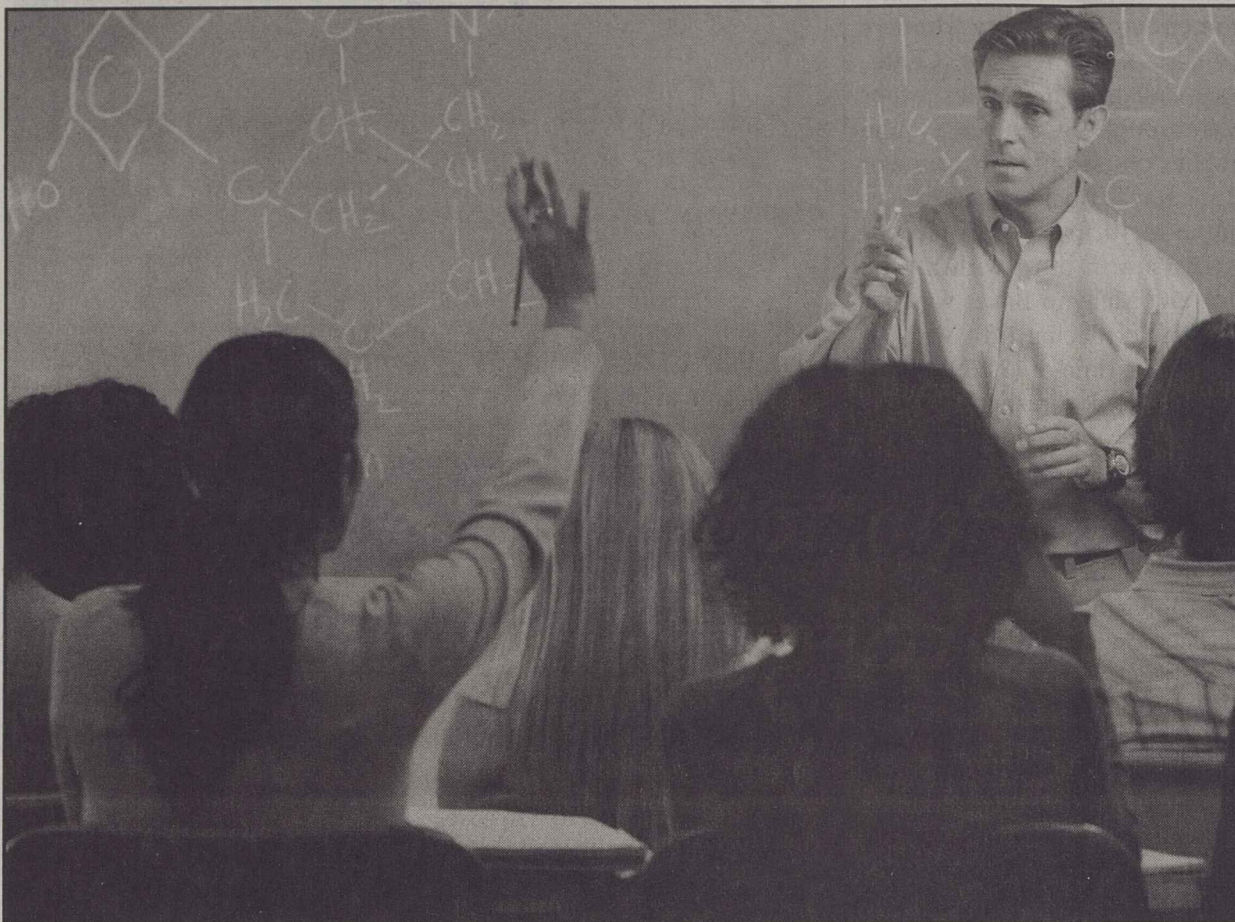
Houston stayed hot after falling in a heartbreaker in week 3; knocking off the Pittsburgh Steelers 17-10 to go 3-1 on the season, while the Steelers fell back to .500. The Tennessee Titans rolled over Cleveland 31-13 and stayed locked in first with the Texans in the AFC South. Sound strange hearing that? The Indianapolis Colts will try to achieve their first win of the season on Monday night against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

October 7	October 8	October 9	October 10	October 11	October 13

VIEWPOINTS

Opposing Points: An examination of Obama's "Race to the Top"



Education Remixed: A Conservative Perspective

Andrea Violet
Conservative Political Writer

One of the main issues concerning public policy in our country today is education.

The most recently implemented portion of Obama's plan to reform education was the implementation of his "Race to the Top Program." The eleven states and District of Columbia who received the "prize" money proved how they were preparing students to enter college and the workforce.

The goal of this incentive was for high schools across the country to show how they were preparing students and meeting international benchmark standards for students entering college and the workforce.

Obama funded this program with \$4 billion in economic stimulus money that our country does not have in the first place.

That money should be used for pressing issues such as reducing the national debt rather than revamping the educational system as a whole.

The education system obviously needs reform, seeing as how we are losing ground in regards to educational competition. We are currently behind Finland, Korea, the Netherlands, Japan, Canada, and Belgium when it comes to the quality of education our children are receiving.

The key to an educational policy's success is not to throw more money at the dysfunctional system. The key to successful educational policy is to first change the system, and then to push funding into the more functional system. We should not give money to the schools that are obviously doing well with the funding they are already receiving, we should concentrate on allocating it to the specific

sectors that need it.

I know what most of you are thinking: Why should I care? You should care because it is the future leaders of our country that we are talking about. They are the ones who will be running government when you are elderly and retired.

Another reason we should be concerned with education is the competition on a global scale to produce the most efficient society, and the main ingredient of this is the education of the country's people.

We took a break from the weekly republican spotlight in order to discuss a pressing issue; however, we will be back to our spotlight series next week. In the meantime, if political issues interest you, you can visit www.ontheissues.org and take the Vote Match Quiz to see how your personal views align with all of the presidential candidates, both Democratic and Republican.

Race to the Bottom: A Liberal Perspective

Andrea Labor
Liberal Political Writer

America as a whole should be more than aware that our education system is losing ground, quickly. Neither students' general understanding of math and science, nor percentage of high schoolers going on to college (77%) is particularly stunning compared to most developed countries.

Education remains an important issue on the platform of both Democrats and Republicans. Few Americans are impressed with the results.

This does not justify pitting states against each other in order to receive funding. Such an idea only creates strife and unnecessary tactics where there should be no tactics at all. Furthermore, if there must be a competition, using tried-and-failing methods such as

standardized testing is simply begging for trouble. It did not work for Bush, it did not work for China, and it still fails to work for us.

The irony, of course, is that China is relying more and more upon America's old system, forsaking general testing that fails to show the true potential of every student. Standardized tests are not about the information; they exemplify those who know how to take them.

Instead of encouraging methods now bordering on archaic, why can't the government seek the advice of those with practical experience? No, not the analysts and consultants. Public education and private college boards alike place far too much faith in this beurocracy, and more than one teacher has complained that they spend more time filling out paperwork than teaching.

Why not ask them what to do? Why not look at the teachers who are trying to teach, who get their students into college and improve their overall performance, and follow their examples? Why not look at shining examples of schools, and model revamps of the less-than-successful after them?

Throwing money randomly will not solve the problem, nor will specifically encouraging the states whose successes are plotted on fallacies. If funding is to be given (and it should), let it be given to the schools who get themselves in gear to improve, those who have a plan. Instead of opening up charter schools, focus on the places that we have and the ways to improve them.

Obama's plan is not a race to the top; even if it was, races have more losers than winners.

Graduate School Expo

Students from all academic disciplines are invited to attend. This is an excellent opportunity for personal interaction with school representatives to find out about their application process, programs, and financial aid options.

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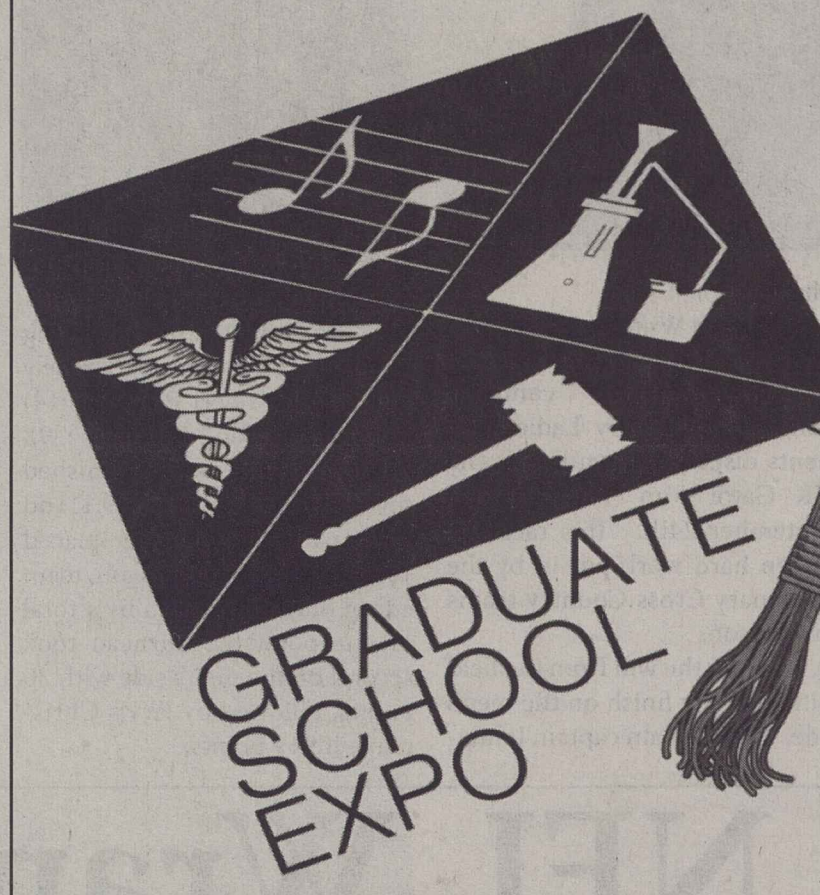
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Restaurant Review: *Sake Sushi*

Madeline Fechter
Viewpoints

Sake Sushi, located at 7511 Youree Drive near Newk's and Buffalo Wild Wings, serves delicious sushi and other Japanese dishes yet is not the ideal place for a college student on a budget.

Entrée prices are minimally around \$10-15. While more expensive, this is one the best sushi places in town. Comparatively, I have eaten at Ichiban, Sushi Gen, and Tokyo Steakhouse and Sushi Bar.

At Sake Sushi they have more weekly specials than I have seen advertised at other local sushi restaurants. While not on their regular menu, my favorite sushi roll is the Spicy Lobster Roll composed of lobster salad, avocado, mango, tobiko and tempura flakes wrapped with soy bean and chef's special sauce.

My other favorites include the Maple and Steve roll. While I have been to Sake Sushi around 4-5 times now, I point these two rolls out because I haven't seen them on the menus at other local sushi restaurants.

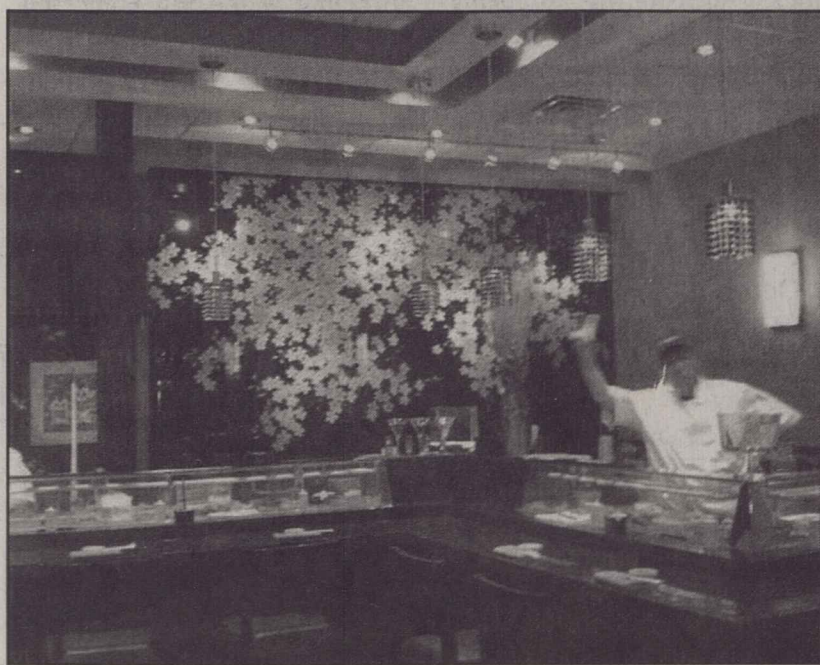
The Maple roll had kani

tempura inside, topped with fresh salmon, eel sauce, spicy sauce and snow crab on the outside. The Steve roll had crab stick, cream cheese, avocado and shrimp tempura inside slightly deep fried with batter, served with spicy mayo, eel sauce, fish eggs and scallion.

As for cooked dishes, things to try are the chicken cutlet bowl. The udon isn't bad either. Some of their cooked items definitely have more of a Chinese style. The owners are Chinese by the way, not Japanese.

As for the service, the wait-staff was pretty nice although not very knowledgeable about sushi or what the restaurant offers. There was nothing really spectacular, but nothing to complain about. It appears that they are a bit overstaffed so there were many servers just hanging out.

All in all, Sake Sushi has become my new sushi craving go-to. Luckily for me, I do not crave sushi so much to as to break the bank. I recommend this restaurant for a special date rather than a weekly sushi binge.



VIEWPOINTS

Perusing the Past: *The Compton's Centenary Long Ago*



Zac Cowsert
Staff Writer

In the mid-1850's, two brothers attended and graduated from Centenary College of Louisiana, located at the time in Jackson, LA. Walter Sidney Compton (1853 Centenary graduate) and his younger brother Thomas Wilber Compton (1856 Centenary graduate) both hailed from Vicksburg, Mississippi. Centenary's archives in Magale Library hold several letters that the two brothers wrote home during their time here at Centenary. Examining those letters, I quickly realized they grant us a peek into the lives of 1850's Centenary students. Surprisingly enough, their lives are not that much different

than our own!

Just like many of us, Thomas and Walter experienced homesickness. Younger brother Thomas wrote home to his mother one April, "I would like to hear from home very much. I have not heard from you for several weeks or months although I have written tolerable often...and I have been uneasy lest sickness was the cause of your not writing. I am very well and doing well." While we may miss home today, we also have the benefit of instantaneous and reliable communication. For Thomas and Walter, waiting for letters could be a tortuous and worrisome process. They were always glad to receive "most welcome" letters from home, just as we are glad to hear from home from time to time (admit it—it's

nice to catch up with Mom and Dad).

Calling home today usually has another defining hallmark—asking for something! Be it money, school supplies, or advice, we often turn to our parents to help us poor college students out! Walter and Thomas certainly had similar needs in the 1850's. Writing to his sister, Walter admitted that he "had some notion of going to teach school out in the country & to study at the same time. I wish you would find out father's [opinion] of this course." What does Dad think about my life plan? Thomas, attending Centenary a few years later, also turned home for help. "Mother," Thomas penned home, "I would like some summer cloths [sic] and if you could find any way to

send them I wish you would and if not...Walter may buy them for me." Everyone has to look good, be it today or a century or two ago!

Thomas apparently had other exciting things on his mind as well: "The young ladies at Ms. Jones' school are going to have a picknick [sic] on Thompson's Creek on the second of May and the boys that are invited anticipate a great deal of pleasure." Social life was important, and Thomas looked forward to a spring outing with lovely young ladies.

The letters also convey matters of greater importance than girls or clothes. Sickness was a constant threat—Thomas wrote home of measles affecting students and the likely death of a local boy named Buckner. Besides sickness, there were studies with which to attend. The Compton brothers worked hard at Centenary. "Tis now two o'clock [in the morning]," Walter wrote home to his sister, "& as I have not yet finished study for the night & I need some recreation before I can proceed, I recreate myself by writing you a few lines...I have not much time as I must get over my lesson some time tonight..." Walter, just like many of us, was no stranger to procrastination! Writing a quick letter home was his way of momentarily setting aside work and enjoying himself.

Both Walter and Thomas' hard work paid off, however, as they both graduated from Centenary College in a timely manner. Walter graduated in 1853, giving a lecture entitled "Hopes" at his graduation ceremony. He went on to have two children and died in 1875. Walter's younger

brother Thomas graduated from Centenary in 1856 at the top of his class! He went on to become a lawyer and served in the Confederate cavalry during the Civil War. Unfortunately, he died young at age 31 of swamp fever and is buried in Vicksburg.

Certainly, the Centenary College of Thomas and Walter's day differs from the Centenary of our own times. Yet striking similarities remain. Students, both then and now, miss their families and friends, rely on home for help and money, enjoy their social lives and interactions with the opposite sex, both work hard at school and procrastinate their studies, and ultimately look forward to graduation and careers. Reading the letters of these two young men from lifetimes ago, it becomes apparent that being a student at Centenary carries traits and traditions that are timeless. We are students just as Walter and Thomas Compton were; it provides a wonderful and profound sense of connection to students past and anticipation of familiarity with students in the future.

For those of you interested in glimpsing one of these letters, feel free to visit the Centenary Archives' website at www.archive.centenary.edu. A quick search for Compton will take you right to a letter written by Thomas Wilber Compton to his mother.

To see the sources for this edition of Pursuing the Past see "Centenary College Commencement," New Orleans Christian Advocate and the Centenary College of Louisiana Catalogue: 1855-'56.

Weird Science: *Faster than the speed of light... but really!*

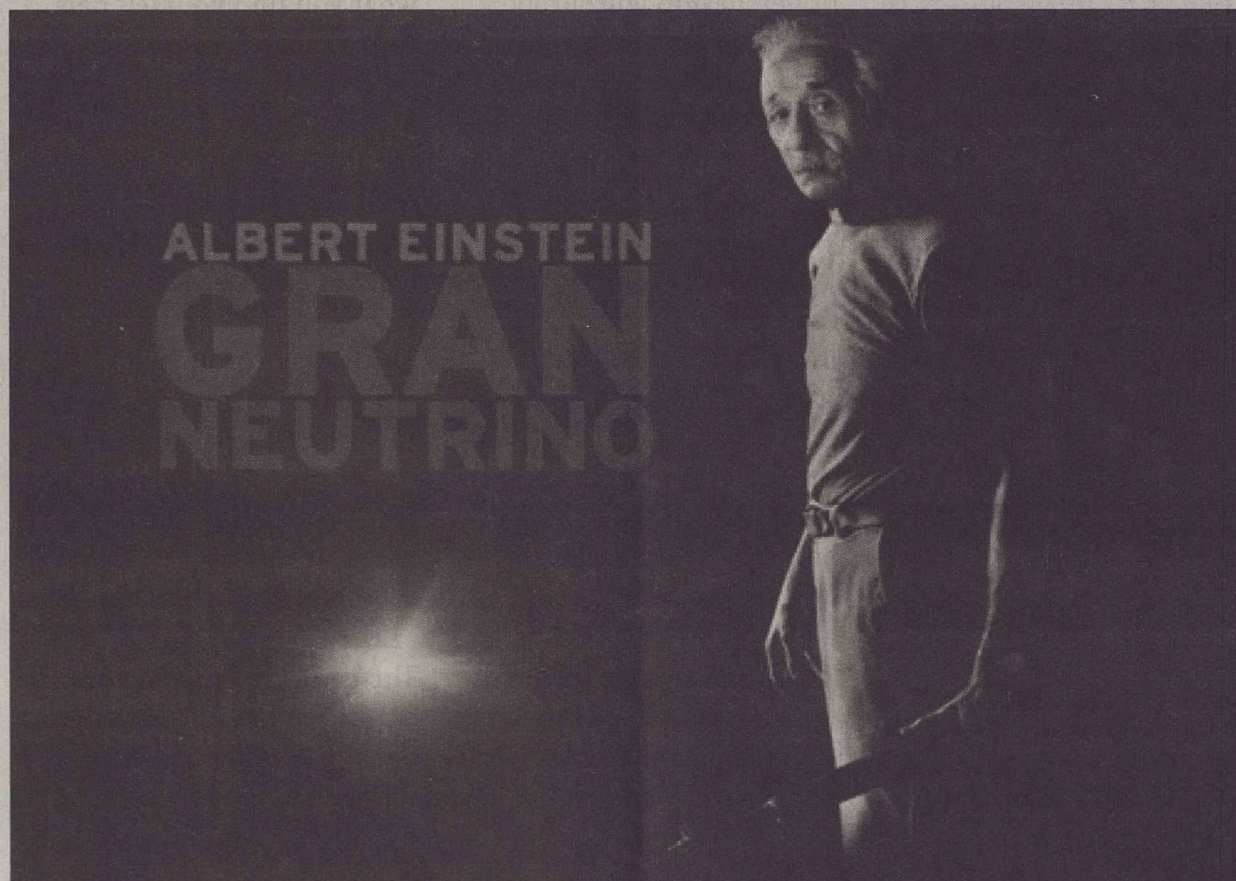
Madeline Fechter
Viewpoints Editor

According to one experiment, neutrinos travel faster than light.

A neutrino is an electrically neutral, weakly interacting elementary subatomic particle with a small but non-zero mass. Being electrically neutral, it is able to pass through ordinary matter almost unaffected, "like a bullet passing through a bank of fog" according to Frank Close speaking on the BBC program "In Our Time" on April 2011.

"If it's true, it will mark the biggest discovery in physics in the past half-century: Elusive, nearly massless subatomic particles called neutrinos appear to travel just faster than light, a team of physicists in Europe reports. If so, the observation would wreck Einstein's theory of special relativity, which demands that nothing can travel faster than light," said Adrian Cho in the September 2011 issue of ScienceNow.

In fact, the result would be so revolutionary that it's sure to be met with skepticism all over the world. "I suspect that the bulk of the scientific community will not take this as a definitive result unless it can be reproduced by at least one and preferably several experiments," said V. Alan Kostelecky, a theorist at Indiana University, Bloomington in Cho's



article. He adds, however, "I'd be delighted if it were true."

The data comes from a particle detector called the Oscillation Project with Emulsion-tRacking Apparatus (OPERA). OPERA detects neutrinos that are fired through the earth from the European particle physics laboratory, CERN, near Geneva, Switzerland.

Because the particles hardly interact at all with other matter, they stream right through the ground, with only a very few striking the material in the

detector and making a noticeable shower of particles.

Described in Cho's article, over the past three years, OPERA researchers timed the roughly 16,000 neutrinos that started at CERN and registered a hit in the detector. They found that, on average, the neutrinos made the 730-kilometer, 2.43-millisecond trip roughly 60 nanoseconds faster than expected if they were traveling at light speed.

"It's a straightforward time-of-flight measurement," said Antonio Ereditato, a

physicist at the University of Bern and spokesperson for the 160-member OPERA collaboration, "We measure the distance and we measure the time, and we take the ratio to get the velocity, just as you learned to do in high school."

However, even Ereditato said in Cho's article that it's way too early to declare relativity wrong. "I would never say that," he says. Rather, OPERA researchers are simply presenting a curious result that they cannot explain and asking the community to

scrutinize it. "We are forced to say something," he said. "We could not sweep it under the carpet because that would be dishonest."

The big question is whether OPERA researchers have discovered particles going faster than light, or whether they have been misled by an unidentified "systematic error" in their experiment that's making the time look artificially short.

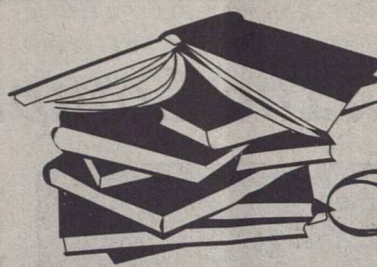
Chang Kee Jung, a neutrino physicist at Stony Brook University in New York, says he'd wager that the result is the product of a systematic error. "I wouldn't bet my wife and kids because they'd get mad," he says. "But I'd bet my house."

Jung, who is an American spokesperson for a similar experiment in Japan called T2K, explains in Cho's article that "the tricky part is accurately measuring the time between when the neutrinos are born by slamming a burst of protons into a solid target and when they actually reach the detector. That timing relies on the global positioning system, and the GPS measurements can have uncertainties of tens of nanoseconds. I would be very interested in how they got a 10-nanosecond uncertainty, because from the systematics of GPS and the electronics, I think that's a very hard number to get."

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Literary

"A Poem of Paper" by Sam McDonald

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We dwell under the dome
We cut the trees for timber
And timber for our homes

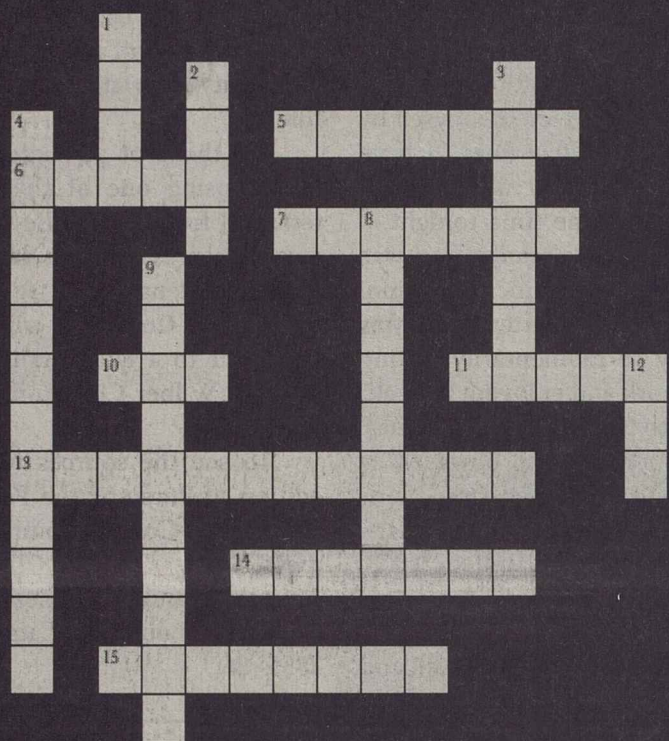
The sea gives fish
The trees bear fruit
We light the oil
We hack the soot

In past there were few
In present are many
Where now is little
Long ago was plenty

What did we think
That faithful day
The forest gone
One tree remained

We lived on Rapanui
We dwelled under the dome
We cut the trees for timber
Now no one dwells within the homes

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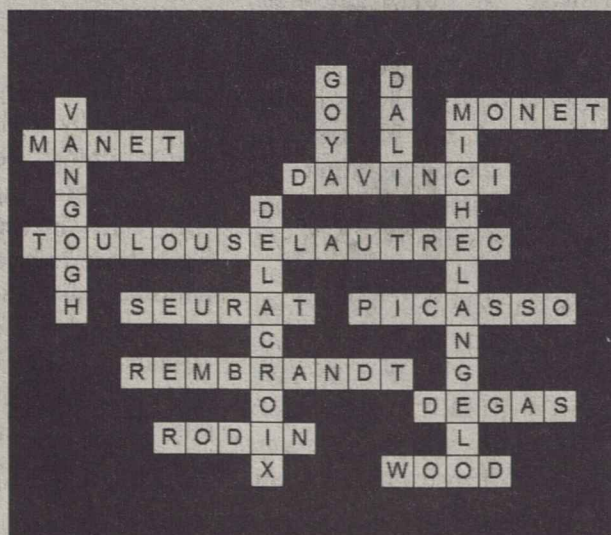
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Horoscopes

by HAM MCF

Aries- Your positive outlook is oozing. Your powers of persuasion will surely get you what you need. You know what you want and how to get it. Your love life seems dreary but fear not, love bubbles are floating your way.

Taurus- This week you're especially flashy. Consider investing in a pair of 90s stirrup pants. Preferably in the shade chartreuse. Dance the night away every night this week with your fancy pants and your greatest desires will be fulfilled.

Gemini- Be wary of small hands. This week fetus fingers are not your friends. If you find yourself on the path to greatness turn away, only sorrow will follow you through your journey. Perhaps indulge your senses and allow yourself that one morsel you've been craving for the past month.

Cancer- Love is in the air, so spray on your best flavor of Febreze and take a night out on the town. Take your potential lover by the hand and never let them go. Serenading is also in the cards for you this week. Don't run away from the sweet sounds of love but instead grab love

by the neck and snog it.

Leo- Junior Mints are what you find yourself partial to this week. Quench your thirst and buy a spoon, to shovel all that suppressed mouth juice you've acquired over the past week.

Virgo- Protect yourself from enemies this week. Particularly sharp objects like fangs or stale Eggo Waffles. Maybe take a trip to Walmart and buy yourself some protective eye wear to fend off the said sharp objects. Or just encase yourself in a box of marshmallows.

Libra- Learn to Zumba. Thrust those hips, slap those thighs, and guzzle that Latin energy. You may find yourself with a new mate with sweaty limbs and frothy palms. Unlike the Gemini small hands are in the positive cards for you this week.

Scorpio- Expect an excess of plaque this week. Colgate is your friend. Try not to engage in oral activity as to avoid cavities that could develop in your heart. Love is not in the cards for you this week. Instead focus all your energy on your nasty mouth sores and plaque.

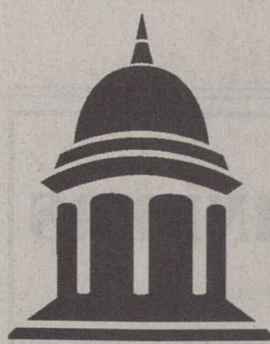
Sagittarius- Beware the stray cats following you

around campus. They only want your litter and your time, which you do not have this week. Don't take in more than four cats. Consider naming one of them Glenn Coco or Patricia.

Capricorn- Freckles may be slowly eating your body, but fear not, a significant other will find this phenomenon especially attractive this week. Don't get too close because your freckles are actually Chicken Pox, or an unknown strain of herpes.

Aquarius- Feel free to sing this week. Especially your theme song "Aquarius". Watch your corners, they're especially sharp this week. Get some protective padding for your delicate hip bones. Luckily, you will find twenty dollars in your next chicken wrap.

Pisces- Pie is your desert of power this week. Try Strawn's or George's. Never forget to look both ways before crossing Kings Highway on your journey for pie retrieval. Passersby will attempt to prevent you from getting your pie, but you will succeed with all your endeavors as long as you keep your lucky bag of nickels on your person.



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Occupy Shreveport?

The Occupy Wall Street Movement has arrived



Monique Finley
Staff Writer
Wilborn Nobles III
News Editor

On 12 October 2011, a group of people that met over the internet sat down to discuss holding a "solidarity march" in downtown Shreveport to show support for the Occupy Wall Street movement. The local television stations (KTBS 3, KTAL 6, KSLA 12) were invited to the meeting. While KTBS channel 3 reported on the October 12th "Occupy Shreveport" planning meeting, KTAL did not report, and KSLA did not show up.

The initial online blurb from KTBS erroneously deemed the organizers as "mostly Centenary students." However, the only Centenary students in attendance were Centenary Conglomerate staff writers who arrived ten minutes late.

The next morning the KTBS news article was edited to read: "The Shreveport protest is being organized by a group of locals from varying lifestyles and incomes." This statement was inline with the later televised report. Unfortunately, the mistake was not fixed through standard editing techniques;

thus, the comment thread reads like misguided viewers blame Centenary College students for bringing the Occupy Wall Street movement to Shreveport.

The major plus to the KTBS report rests in the fact that KTBS released the information immediately and updated it the next morning.

On Friday, October 14th, word spread among Shreveport

the same day as the protest. The Occupiers agreed to alter their route, though many felt that the issue was mute.

"We're against corporate greed," said a Shreveport Occupier that wished to be anonymous, "I don't care who you vote for."

The "Occupy Shreveport" Global Solidarity March began 15 October 2011 at 8:30 AM in

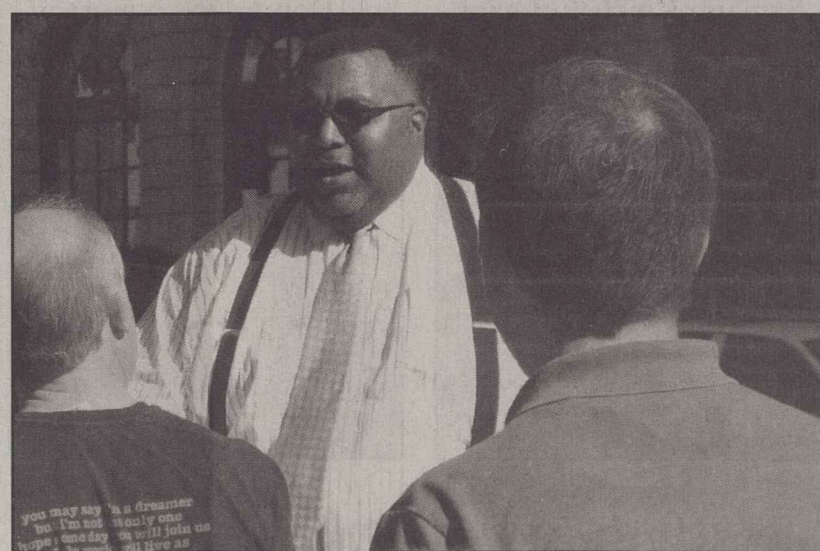
Photos Courtesy of Monique Finley welcomed members of the crowd to step forward and explain what brought them to "Occupy Shreveport."

Approximately, sixty protesters stood together listening to each other speak about unemployment rates, outsourcing, and bank bailouts. Three counter protesters stood on the grass holding a sign, "Wall Street - isn't - the Problem! Socialism is!"

They chanted, "We are the 99%" and "Banks got bailed out, we got sold out," as they marched to the Chamber of Commerce. During this stretch they ran into Mayor Cedric Glover, who seemed a little surprised.

"I came downtown today to do a little work" said Mayor Glover, "I'm just on my way to have my shoes shined."

Some of the protesters shook Mayor Glover's hand before rejoining the march. "Occupy Shreveport" marched to two other locations (Regions Bank tower and Chase Bank tower) before wrapping things up in the lot next to the Sound Stage. The big question now is: Will "Occupy Shreveport" turn into something more lasting, something on par with the movements springing up in over 1600 cities worldwide?



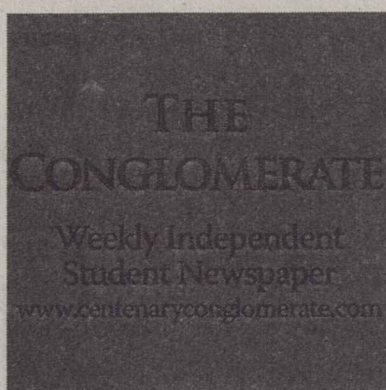
Shreveport Mayor, Cedric Glover

Courtesy of Monique Finley

Occupiers that the protest route and end destination would have to be changed because of a law designed to keep partisan politics at least 600 feet from voting booths. Shreveport's early voting was scheduled for

the Union building (715 McNeil St.) where early bird protesters gathered to discuss the route. At 10:00 AM the protesters marched to the Confederate Flag monument in front of the Caddo Parish Courthouse where they





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Letter from the Editor: “Goblins, ghouls, and ...”

Ashley Lynch
Editor in Chief

Remember those days of running around on a sometimes chilly Halloween night, armed with trash bags, grocery bags, pillowcases, backpacks, or any other candy-carrying tool you could muster?

Remember running from house to house, looking for the ones with their porch light on and finding ways to avoid the creepy, costumed neighbors who stood still on their driveways and porches until you passed them?

Those were the days--the spirited, boisterous days of childhood Halloween. Now that I'm older, I can't help but miss running around until my feet gave out and finding creative ways to improve my favorite witch costume (even if it was the same one that I wore every year).

And now that I'm older, I'm finding myself disappointed in the fact that Shreveport-Bossier doesn't feel as dedicated to Halloween this year as I've been used to for my duration of living here.

Sure, the stores have their stock of ghoulish goods. Pumpkins are piled outside some of the local grocery chains, and bakeries are

popping out black and orange pastries galore. However, taking a quick drive through some of the neighborhoods has left me a little disheartened and, well, a little downtrodden. Halloween decorating isn't "like it was" this year. Fewer houses have the gauzy webbing, life-size skeleton cut-outs, and plastic tombstones that made running around as a kid so memorable.

Even a few Centenary experiences have filtered out this fall--I have yet to hear news about the annual Halloween door decorating contest (which my suitemates and I spent ridiculous amounts of time preparing for back in my good ol' freshman days), and Residence Life won't be putting on their annual Haunted House this year.

It's a shame that traditions fade, and, sure, there are always new ones to look forward to. My only hope is this: despite the economic conditions that we're facing today, I hope that we're still providing that energy, that grand Halloween spirit, for the next generation--whether that's the next group of kids in the block or the next group of holiday-loving college students who don't mind taking a few hours out of their day to mix some paint and hang a skeleton on their door.

DPS CONTEST WINNERS

Ashlie Daigle won the
ALL ACCESS PARKING PASS
with the name
Catahoula Cruiser
and will be using the pass as a
prize for a Student Life
contest in the future.

Freshman Christian Prince
won the drawing for the \$25
gift card.

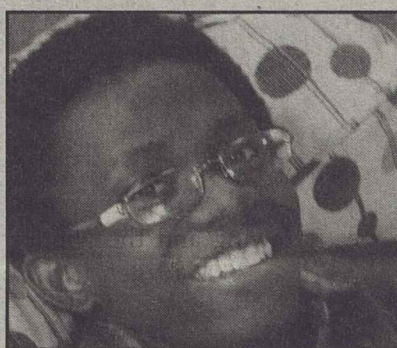
Congratulations to the winners, and keep
checking DPS Facebook page for more
contests as well as updates from
our department!

Question of the Week

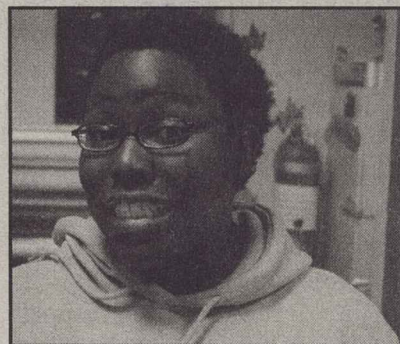
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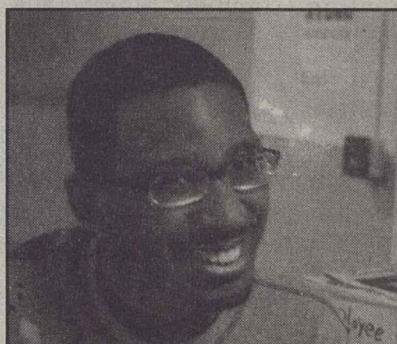
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Daniel Proveaux, Junior



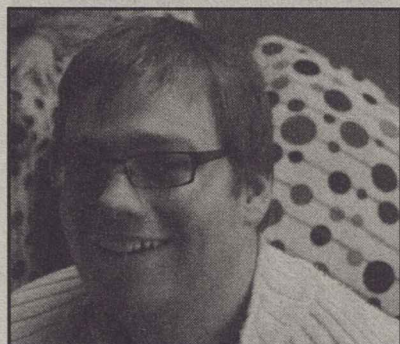
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Freshman



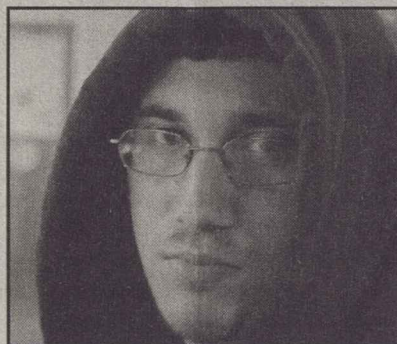
Samarra
Samarra Kinchen, Junior



Jack-O-Lantern
Don Adley, Junior



Myself
Nick Mauldin, Senior



A gangster.
Nathan Yacovissi, Junior

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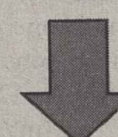
Midterms are Over!
We can all breathe now.



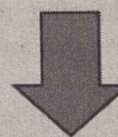
Module Fair
Travelling and you get school credit!?
HECK YES.



Flag Football Playoffs
Get your head in the game!



Fall Break is Over...
It was great ... while it lasted



Cline Hall Reresidents
Crazy kids.



CAF/Randle's closed
Stinks for those who were here over break

Fitness Center Classes

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
6:00 am	Turbo Kick	-	-	-
7:15 am	-	Total Body	-	Total Body
11:15 am	-	ABS	-	ABS
Noon	Pilates	Yoga	Pilates	Yoga
4:35 pm	-	Mosley's	-	-
5:00 pm	Step	-	Hi/Lo	-
5:30 pm	-	Cycling	-	Turbo Kick
6:00 pm	Zumba	-	Zumba	-

Fall Hours

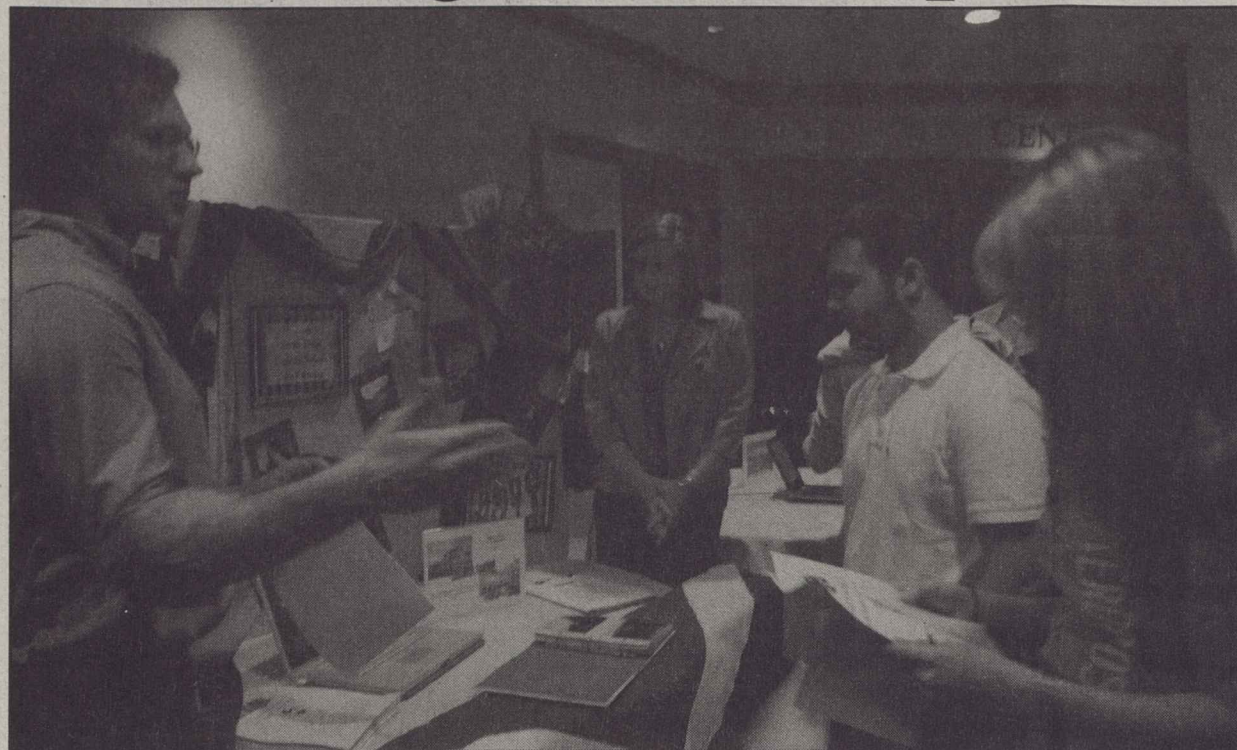
Mon-Thu: 6am - 10pm
Fri: 6am - 6pm
Sat: Noon - 6pm
Sun: 2pm - 6pm

Pool Hours

Mon-Fri: 11am - 2pm
Mon Night: 8pm - 10pm
Wed Night: 6pm - 10pm
Sat & Sun: 2pm - 6pm

NEWS

“Module Fair” presents new, returning module options



Christopher Youngblood
Staff Writer

On October 18, 2011, the Office of Global Engagement hosted the 2011-2012 Module Fair in the Whited Room. Professors were given the opportunity to showcase their May Module, a chance for students to complete the culture credit of their Trek requirements. Students came to the fair to see all of their options for this year's trips.

There are four different kinds of modules you can do: International Travel (outside the U.S.), Domestic Travel (inside the U.S.), Local (in Shreveport), or if none of these appeal to you, you can do an Independent module. The price to go on module can be a bit expensive ranging from \$1200 to \$4000.

All students must complete at least one module in order to graduate from Centenary. Each module must have two professors to supervise students. Depending on the trip, each module's duration can range from two weeks to a bit longer.

“Each module is proposed by the trek committee and is approved by the Trek and faculty committee,” said Nicole Munoz-Vern, Assistant Director for Intercultural Engagement.

In the Module Fair, some old favorites managed to return for another year. France returns for the 11th year in a row, providing an option for students to visit Sorbonne, a university in Paris. Dr. Michael Laffey expressed how students “will learn the roots of American culture coming out from the crossroads of the North and South” on the Mississippi Delta. There are many others such as Germany, India, Australia and Ecuador which were on display for students. The Czech Republic and the Gay Politics in Shreveport modules will not be offered this year.

However, three new modules are now available for this upcoming summer: Edinburgh, Haiti, and Chimp Haven. Edinburgh, located in Scotland, will be led by the Theatre Department as they go to experience the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. This year, Dr.

Chris Ciocchetti and Dr. Dana Kress are in charge of the Haiti module, where students, especially those involved in the Sante learning community, can take advantage of community service in a disaster stricken country.

Dr. Jeanne Hamming and Dr. Kelly Weeks are replacing Gay Politics in favor of visiting the Chimp Heaven, where students will be able to witness culture throughout primate groups.

Modules were not the only thing being advertised. Study abroad and summer school was also shown at the fair. To add to the excitement, each student wrote a survey to see where they might want to go. The Office of Global Engagement planned to have a drawing and the winner will receive \$500 to help aid in paying for their trip.

Pre-registration will begin on October 24 and last through mid-November. If students are looking for more information contact Chris Lavan or the professors who are supervising their respective module.

Nathan Yacovissi/Conglomerate

Career Corner: 10 Worst Mistakes of First-Time Job Hunters

Chaerli Faught
Staff Writer

If you're in your final year of college, be warned: the rumors about landing a job in this economy are true. Instead of waiting until next semester to start looking for a job, start today to prepare yourself.

An April 2011 survey conducted by Braun Research on behalf of Adecco Staffing U.S. found that 71% of 500 recent four-year college graduates would have done something differently to prepare themselves for the job market of today.

“When you're not familiar with the job market or job seeking, you really don't know how much effort it will take,” says Kathy Kane, the senior vice president of talent management for Adecco NA.

There are ten things that career coaches, recruiters and recent graduates said that students can do to better prepare themselves for the current job market. The first thing is to start looking for jobs earlier.

According to Lindsey Pollak, “Most students don't start thinking about their careers until they have to. There's so much you can do that's not a lot of work and not overly time consuming.”

Kane also notes, “The procrastinators will have fewer choices and that it's easy to fall into the routine where the weekend starts on Thursday and they'll put off their job searching

for another time.”

The second thing that coaches and recruiters talk about is networking. Networking can be the most dreaded part of a job hunt. 29% of respondents to the Adecco survey said they would have spent more time building a solid professional network. “Networking can be scary, but about 70% of jobs are found through networking.”

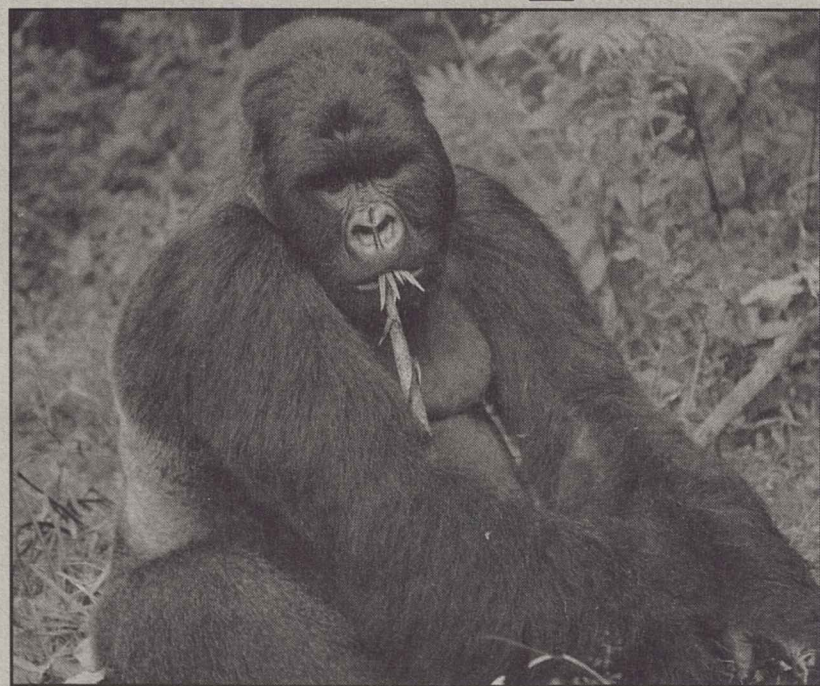
A lot of people said that they would have taken a job or an internship in addition to their course load. Bottom line: there's no substitute for experience. Having some professional experience under your belt before entering the workforce has become a necessity for many employers.

The fourth tip is getting more involved with career-relevant and extracurricular activities. “Everybody wants to hire people who understand how to manage projects, worked alongside difficult people, and have built their communication skills,” says Kane.

The last 6 tips from recruiters, coaches and graduated students are that they would have applied to more jobs, they would have focused more on becoming professional, they would have done more to figure out what their career goals were, they would have gone to the career center, they would have tracked their achievements better, and they would have focused more on developing relevant skills.



“Can Apes Ape?”



Christian Roberson
Staff Writer

Primatologist Dr. Frans B.M. de Waal visited campus October 16th to lecture on the observations made on apes, monkeys, and elephants.

De Waal currently works at the Living Links Center at Emory University studying chimpanzees and capuchin monkeys to find similarities between humans and other species. At Emory, they have made groundbreaking discoveries on the idea that not only humans have the capacity to understand emotions, fair-

ness, culture, and co-operation.

Until the 1960s, it was believed that humans had a completely separate evolutionary tree than apes, but more evidence is being found on how similar apes and humans are. De Waal was able to show these connections through examples of emotional connections between apes, such as an adult chimpanzee being upset and a younger chimpanzee walking over to console the older one.

Apes have emotions but they are also capable of understanding each other's emotions.

Empathy-the capacity to relate to others- is one of the recently accepted ideas in primatologists' studies.

Another concept which De Waal's group has been able to prove is culture within ape groups. The Living Links Center asked the question “Can Apes Ape?” To ape is to imitate or to mimic someone or something else.

The research group created a machine which dispensed food if a lever was lifted or a button was pulled using a stick. The apes were then split into two groups and one member of each group was taught how to use the device. After being released back into the groups, over 90% of each group learned how to use the device from original chimpanzees. The group proved that apes can ape and that apes have the capacity for culture.

The Living Links Center continues to do research. To find more connections between apes and humans and to stay updated with evolutionary discoveries, go to www.emory.edu/LIVING_LINKS.

Centenary Professional Development

FRIDAY LUNCH SERIES

Grab your lunch in the Caf and come join us for “Friday Lunch Series” chats on different career coaching topics!

All are at 12:00 noon in the Centenary Room, adjacent to the Caf.

Fall 2011 Topics:

Friday, September 1

“Choosing Majors & Careers”

Perfect for those who may be confused about their major or career and want some direction on how to discern your options!

Friday, September 16

“Resumes/CVs & Cover Letters”

Learn the basics how to construct a resume, CV or cover letter OR bring yours by for a quick review!

Friday, October 7

“Applying to Graduate or Professional School”

Find out what it takes to apply and get into graduate or professional school!

Friday, November 11

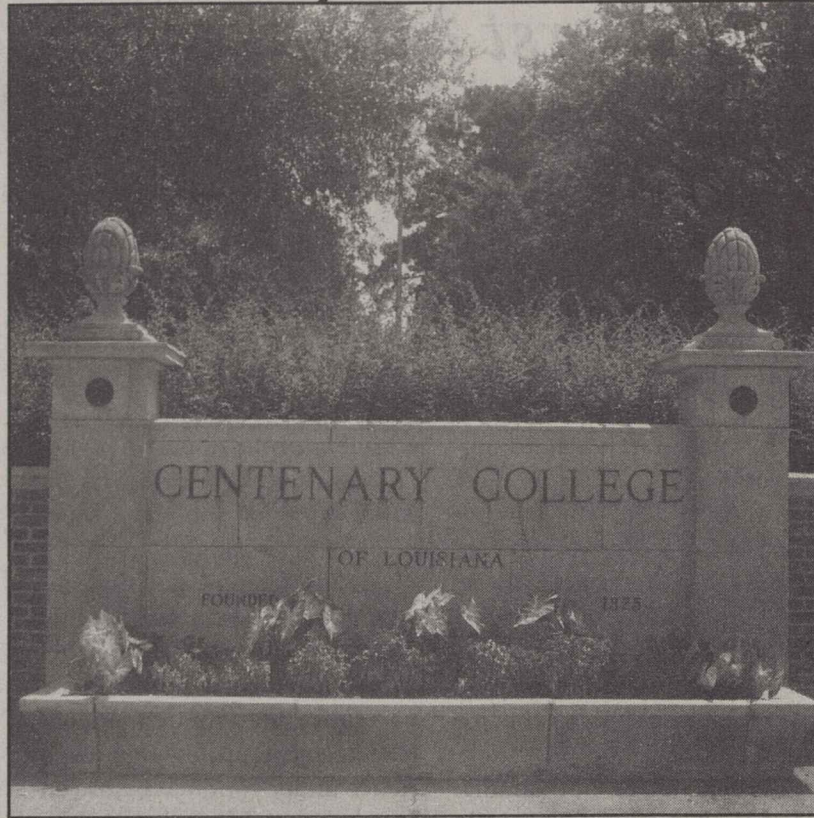
“Personal Statements”

A continuation of the October topic...get more in-depth with what personal statements entail. If you have a draft, bring it for a review!

For more information, contact Elizabeth Everett, Assistant Director for Professional Development at 869-5042 or everett@centenary.edu.

NEWS

Centenary to Enact New Core Program



Steven Finley
Sport Editor

Centenary has a core program of classes that one must fulfill in order to graduate, much like other colleges. The current one here at the college has been around for quite some time now. The program we all have come to know is about to change yet again.

As the program stands now a student wanting to graduate from Centenary must take a certain number of courses in certain fields of study. A student is required to take four separate humanities classes, two of which must be from different departments and one of them must be at a three hundred level or higher course level. A student must also take three social sciences classes. Two must be in separate departments and the third must be a 300 level or higher course.

The remainder of the core program that a student must currently fill includes taking two natural science courses with lab, a single semester of any math class, one semester of FYE, one semester of English 101, a speech based class, and a writing based class. Students must also go on module, and fulfill the three trek requirements of service learning, career, and intercultural experience. Students must do this on top of fulfilling their major requirements and taking a number of electives.

The new system will be set up a bit differently. Instead of four humanities, students will only need to take two. Students will also only need to take one social science, one math, and one natural science class with a lab. FYE 101, English 101, the modules, and the trek program will all remain intact.

The biggest change will come from what's being added onto the

core program. This new system will upgrade some courses currently offered at Centenary from three credit hours to four credit hours. This added credit hour will be there to help fulfill the remainder of the new core.

The remainder of the new core involves students having to take three courses in any subject just as long as those courses each fulfill a new criteria set by the college. One of the classes must involve what Dr. David Bieler called the "expanding circle component."

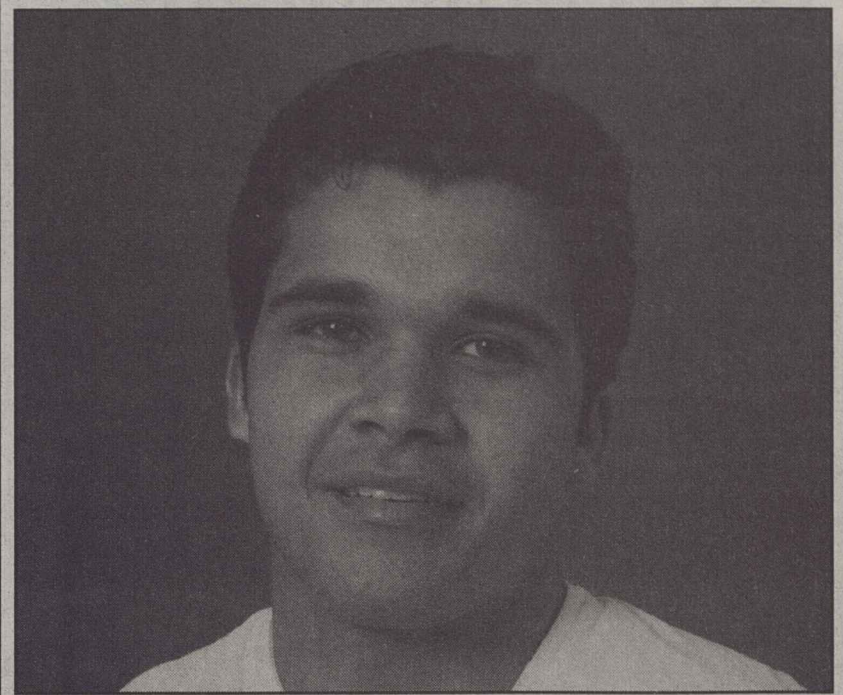
This class will address the challenges associated with the growing ease of communication and our expanding view of the world itself.

The second class will involve figuring out how to make worldwide economies as well as the world more sustainable within the limits of what we have on the planet. The last class would then address the issue of how we should take information, digest it, think about it, and mold it into a way that is meaningful. Dr. Bieler called this the "problem of a meaningful life."

This new system has been in the works for around six years and it was not until last April that the college voted to enact it by fall of 2012.

Current students, from seniors to freshmen, will not have to worry about adapting to this new program. Only the incoming freshmen-and-on will have to graduate under it. The college, as Dr. Bieler put it, feels that this new core program "will give students a better grounding in the way things really are as well as will lead them to a better future and better education."

International Spotlight: Glauber Santos



Julia Puac
Website Manager

Conglomerate: How old are you?
Glauber: 22.

Conglomerate: What year are you?
Glauber: 4th year, last year.

Conglomerate: Where are you from?
Glauber: Brazil, Belo Horizonte.

Conglomerate: Why did you decide to come to Centenary?
Glauber: My College in Brazil is like a partner school to Centenary, my college back home is Methodist too just like Centenary, so they are in a sort of organization.

Conglomerate: How long do you plan to stay at Centenary?
Glauber: One semester.

Conglomerate: What is your major and why?
Glauber: Film Production Communications.

Conglomerate: What sports to you play?
Glauber: Soccer, TaiKwan Do, but not anymore.

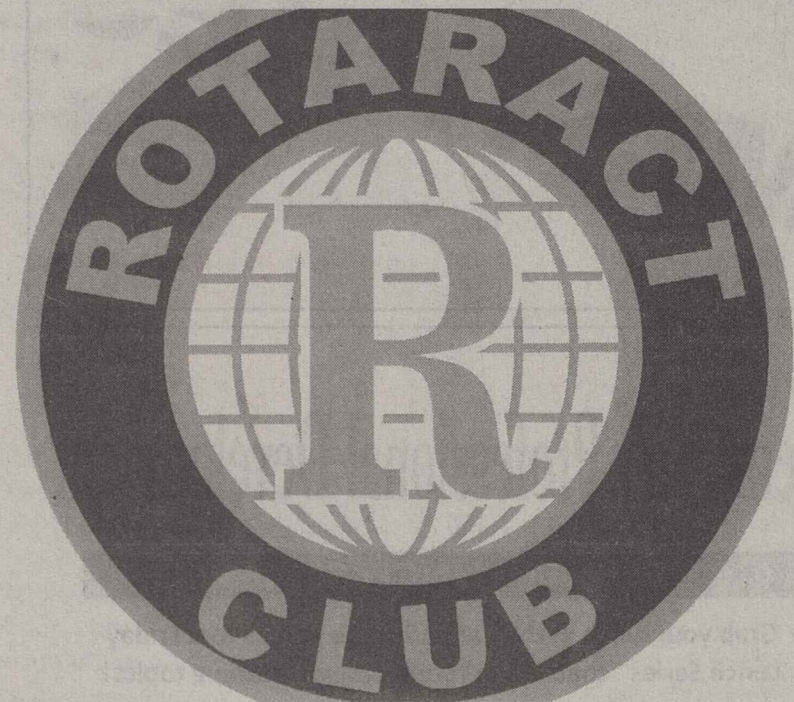
Conglomerate: What position do you play?
Glauber: Mid-fielder, and right mid-fielder.

Conglomerate: What do you like to do in your spare time?
Glauber: Here, I don't have a lot of spare time since I don't know a lot English. But I like to hang out with friends, and be sneaky!

Conglomerate: How has Centenary been?
Glauber: For me, everything's perfect, I've met a lot of people here, and so funny. There's no bad moment for me, everyone's so perfect for me...I enjoy everything.

Conglomerate: Anything else?
Glauber: I just want to thank everyone I met and for being so funny and enjoyable and I really enjoy everything.....except Dustin Sexson...Just kidding man!

Rotaract Club Making Waves



Chad Nelson
Contributing Writer

On October 9th The Rotaract Club of Centenary College became official in the Rotary

Chapter District 6190. This Induction Ceremony inducted some of the brightest minds on Centenary's Campus.

The Ceremony began with an opening prayer by freshman

spiritual leader Jeremy Hall. Following the prayer, Rotaract's wise and most knowledgeable advisor Dr. Martin enlightened the group with the rich history of this great club. Dr. Martin's humbleness is what keeps this club active year after year.

The Rotaract Club was blessed to have one of the most famous Rotarians of our time, Professor Chesshir, to speak to the group. Professor Chesshir is an Assistant Professor of Communications at Lon Morris College in Jacksonville Texas and is the co-advisor of the Rotaract Club of Lon Morris. She is also the President of the Rotary Club in Bullard, Texas and serves as the Rotaract and Interact District Chair. Professor Chesshir helps start Rotaract and Interact Clubs in the district which covers all of Northeast Texas and parts of Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Professor Chesshir also was

named the 2011 Rotarian of the Year for District 5830. She was able to share the benefits and life changing opportunities that Rotaract has to offer to young student leaders like those involved in the Centenary College Rotaract Club.

Also in attendance were the Dean of Students for Lon Morris College, Mr. Kent Willis, and the President (Jason Hamilton) and Vice-President (Rodney Wright) of the Lon Morris Rotaract Club. The Rotaract Club of Centenary College hopes to cross the state line to participate in a large service project with the Rotaract Club of Lon Morris College.

Following Professor Chesshir's inspiring presentation, the members were handed their official Rotaract pins and certificates.

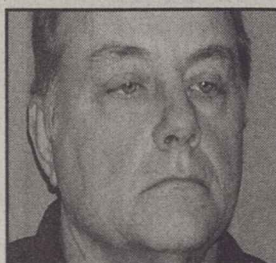
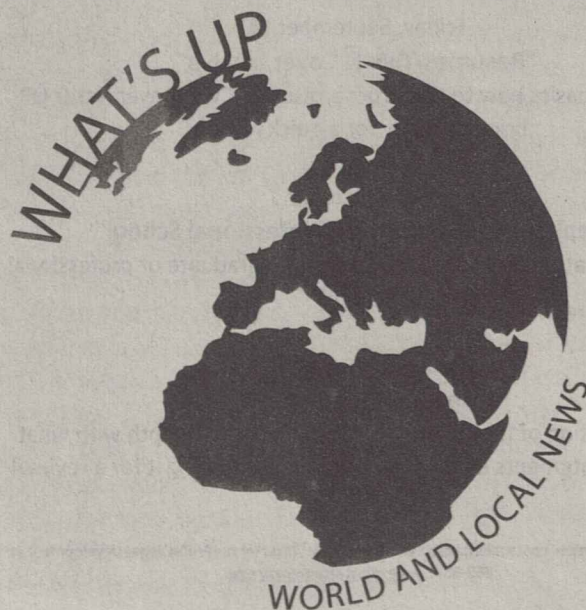
The Executive Committee for 2011-2012; President: Chad Nelson, Vice-President: Julianne Smoak, Secretary: Kayla Klaus, Treasurer: Matthew Roberts, and

Public Relations: Lauren Swift.

Members; Taylor Atkinson, William Drew Burnham, Laura Croteau, Steven Finley, Daniela Garcia, Jeremy Hall, Merritt Harrelson, Caitlyn Hayworth, Chelsi Hefner, Andrea Labor, Lauren Malar, Wells Audrey Russell, Erika Vazquez, Andrea Violet, Garrett Whipple, and Chris Youngblood.

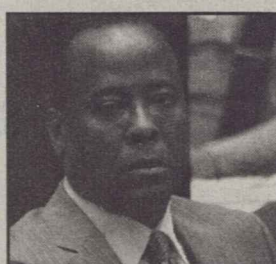
"The Club is filled with some of the best leaders on this campus, which makes my job easy," said President Chad Nelson, "I am so lucky to have a group as dedicated and eager to helping others."

The Rotaract Club would also like to give a special thanks to Mrs. Pat Gallion and Samuel Morel for their assistance with Rotaract.



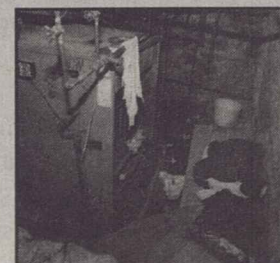
Ohio Animal Owner

In Zanesville, Ohio, Terry Thompson, an owner of exotic animals, released his 56 animals and then committed suicide. Thompson had been previously charged with animal cruelty in 2005 and was reported saying that he would release his animals if he could no longer care for them.



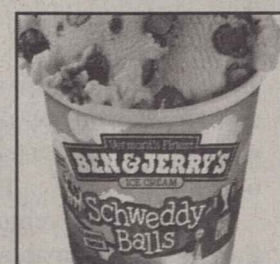
Conrad Murray

On September 27, 2011, Dr. Conrad Murray was put on trial being charged with involuntary manslaughter in the 2009 death of Michael Jackson. Murray was said to give Jackson Propofol, a drug used for deep sedation during surgery, for insomnia.



Basement Prisoners

Suspects charged with imprisoning four mentally disabled people in a Philadelphia boiler room may have been holding seven other people. Four people were found in a basement by the original owner of the home.

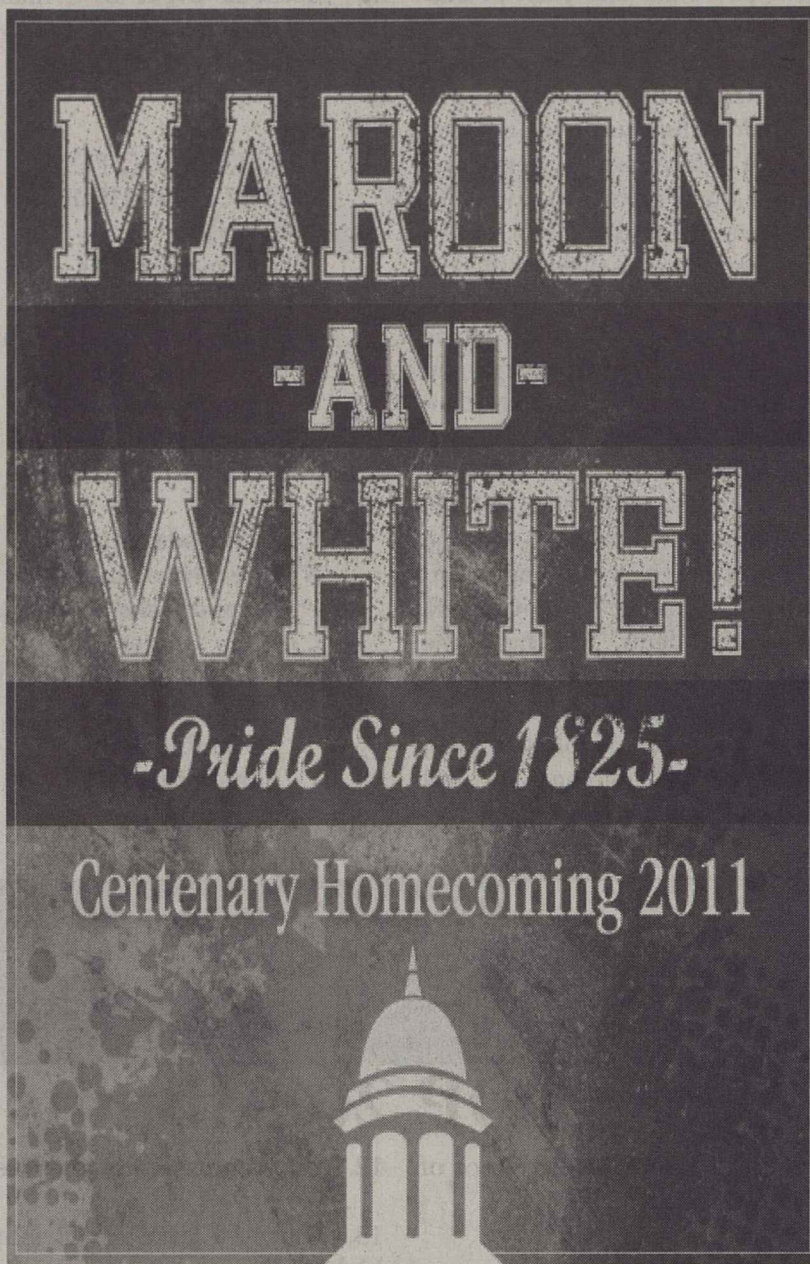


Schweddy Balls

Ben & Jerry's released a new Ice Cream flavor. The flavor was named "Schweddy Ball" after the Saturday Night Live sketch. One Million Moms, a group affiliated with the American Family Assn. has threatened to boycott the ice cream company until the product is removed.

NEWS

Centenary's "Maroon & White" homecoming moves to fall semester, November 2nd-6th



Kendall Hughes
Contributing Writer
SGA Student Coordinator

Homecoming is coming your way soon! The Student Government Association alongside the office of Student Involvement has been hard at work to make this Homecoming one of the best yet! The theme of "Maroon and White" will be incorporated

into all the Homecoming activities, and school spirit and pride will be the main components for the judges.

Every Friday for the month of October will provide opportunities to learn more about Homecoming 2011. We will be working in conjunction with the Maroon Jackets on "Spirit Fridays," and prizes just might be waiting for people who are wear-

ing their Centenary gear.

"Maroon and White" Homecoming will be a mixture of old traditions and new events. Wednesday night of Homecoming will be the traditional window painting contest in the cafeteria, but with a new component of a canned food building contest. Thursday of Homecoming will be a student versus staff and faculty dodgeball tournament that is sure to get some Maroon pride flowing. Friday night kicks off the Homecoming weekend with the traditional Gumbo Cook-off. We will also be adding a new component that will be honoring our student athletes that will be showcasing their talents for the next day's events. Saturday morning is sure to impress with a new event that we like to call the "Unparade." This will be an opportunity for organizations to showcase their creativity, and artistic ability through decoration of an oversized puzzle piece. The day will also consist of Centenary Homecoming's first ever tailgate with live bands, free Centenary gear, grilling out, and athletic showcasing. The Homecoming court will be presented at the soccer game, and the night will conclude with Centenary choir's Rhapsody in View. Sunday morning will be a service of remembrance in Brown Chapel with another chance to see the choir's performance of Rhapsody in View in the afternoon.

This year's Homecoming will bring a new wave of excitement to the campus as it's the first ever fall Homecoming, and also now in conjunction with Parents and Family Weekend, and the 70th Annual Rhapsody in View. Many alumni are expected to be in at-

tendance, and the school is going to be filled with Centenary pride. More information will be sent out later to describe the process between small and large organizations, and how you can get involved. Can't wait for every-

one to be showcasing his or her Centenary pride every Friday, and throughout Homecoming. Maroon and White Pride since 1825.

Maroon & White! Student Homecoming Events

- Wednesday, November 2nd
 - Kick-Off Party/Window Painting/Can Building Competition
 - 8:00 pm, Cafeteria
- Thursday, November 3rd
 - Dodgeball (Student vs Faculty/Staff)
 - 5:00 pm, Jones Rice Field (Rain location, Gold Dome)
- Friday, November 4th
 - Student Athlete Recognition and Gumbo Cook-Off*
 - 6:00 pm, Fitness Center Gym
- Saturday, November 5th
 - Un-Parade Display Set-Up*
 - 10:30 am - 11:00 am, Mayo Field Entrance
 - Basketball Intersquad Game*
 - 11:00 am, Gold Dome
 - Tailgate and Alumni Cook-Off*
 - 12:00 pm, Gold Dome Parking Lot
 - Centenary vs Henderson Swim Meet*
 - 1:00 pm, Fitness Center Natatorium
 - Gents vs Alumni Soccer Game*
 - 2:00 pm, Mayo Field
 - Homecoming Court Presentation at Half Time (2:30 pm)
 - Gents vs Alumni Baseball Game*
 - 2:45 pm, Shehee Stadium
 - Ladies vs Alumnae Soccer Game*
 - 3:30 pm, Mayo field
 - Rhapsody in View Reception for all attendees*
 - 6:00 pm, Riverview Hall Lobby
 - Rhapsody in View*
 - 7:30 pm, Riverview Hall
 - Requires ticket purchase
- Sunday, November 6th
 - Memorial Service*
 - 9:30 am, Brown Chapel
 - Rhapsody in View Matinee Performance*
 - 2:30 pm, Riverview Hall
 - Requires ticket purchase.

Lady and Gent of the Month: Krista Mckinney and Chad Nelson

Madeline Fechter
Viewpoints Editor

The Office of Student Involvement has instituted a "Lady and Gent of the Month" award to recognize one female and one male student that have shown great involvement for that month and embody what it means to be wise, caring, moral leaders.

According to Ashleigh Daigle, Director of Student Involvement, "One of my passions is recognition ... just to tell people that they are doing a good job. I like to be thankful. We have a lot of awesome student leaders ... for the most part [these leaders] are not paid for the jobs that [they] do and since my job is student involvement I wanted to recognize and potentially motivate the students."

The September Award Winners are Juniors Krista McKinney and Chad Nelson.

Krista is a communication major. She is a Resident Assistant in James Hall, and serves as president of three organizations: Film Society, Schools for Schools, and SAIL - Serve Another in Love. In September, she organized "silent soldiers" and

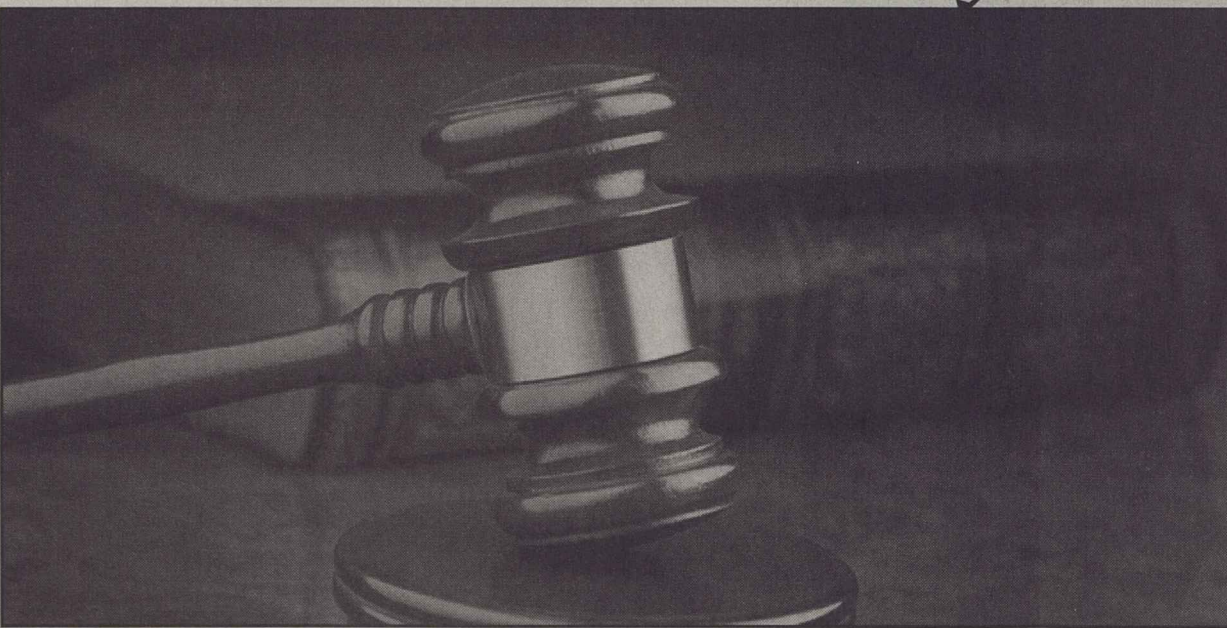
with the help of volunteers raised \$767.28 for Schools for Schools in less than three days.

Chad is new to Centenary this semester as a transfer student and is also majoring in Communication. He runs cross country, is in CLC, writes for The Conglomerate, and is the president of Rotaract. In September, Chad held Rotaract's first event, Drop Your Draws for a Good Cause, a clothing drive for the HUB. He successfully rallied students, faculty, and staff to make donations to make a difference in the local community.

In reference to the selection process for "Lady and Gent of the Month," Daigle said, "Every month I am getting feedback from the student development department—global engagement and residence life and professional discernment department—because we all directly work with students and see different students through our operations. So I take into account sort of nominations and then I pick."

Every month the Lady and Gent chosen are given a \$20 gift certificate to Strawn's Eat Shop.

Organization Spotlight: Pre-law Society



Andrea Labor
Staff Writer

Attention all political science majors, future lawyers, and anyone else interested in the American legal system. Around the second Tuesday of every month, there is a club meeting which may interest you: the Centenary Pre-Law Society.

Made up mainly of Political Science and History majors, the Pre-Law Society is a club that may not meet often, but has the potential to open doors to those who are interested. It is designed to assist anyone with a potential future or simple interest in the legal process, from aid with law schools and the LSATs, to understanding where to start.

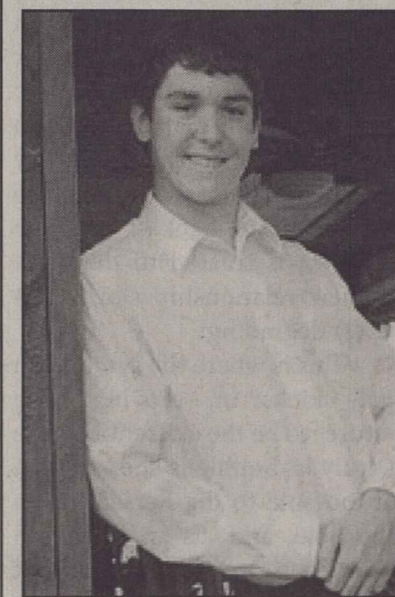
This group is also responsible for the annual Constitution Day event, at which students may gain further insight into the ongoing legacy of the backbone of the United States. This year Dr. Christopher Parker, new faculty advisor and Political Science professor, presented on topics likely foreign to most students: the American founders and their preference for a limited government. Complete with Dr. Shepherd's opener, it was a lunch hour well-spent.

That is the purpose of the Pre-Law Society: to get students interested in the legal process and assist them in better exploring it. The room outside of Dr. Parker's office in the Magale Library basement offers a wide variety

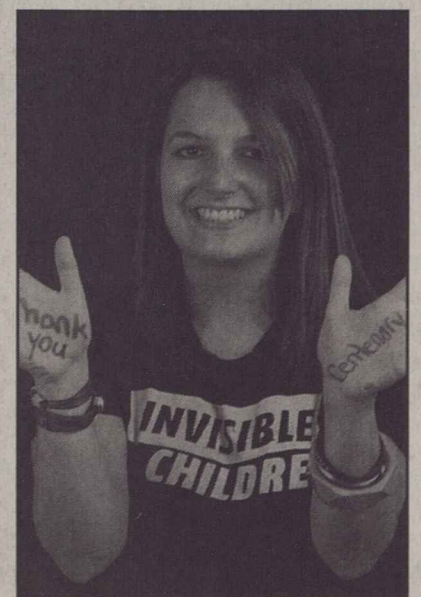
of legal research materials and information about law schools.

Cooperation with groups like the Princeton Review is designed to best prepare members for the LSATs and law school, as well as put students in touch with current lawyers—their future contemporaries.

Again, this is an interest group open to more than just future legal workers or current Political Science majors. The Pre-Law Society is a small group, open to anybody who feels like popping by the meetings, held in Classroom 8 of the Magale Library basement. Next time that e-mail comes through, consider the invitation in your Inbox.



Chad Earl Nelson, junior



Krista McKinney, junior

CAB presents: “Freakin’ Boo Fest!”

Julia Puac
Website Manager

It's that time of year for Centenary Activities Board (CAB) to sponsor their annual “Freak Week,” this year titled, “Freakin’ Boo Fest.”

Freak Week is a special themed week in which students get to participate in events and activities related to the theme. CAB hosts the events, typically held during the week before or

during Halloween.

Last year's Freak Week was Harry Potter-themed, and provided an opportunity for students to engage with the popular franchise. This year's theme is an idea that was inspired by the “Boo” character from Nintendo's Mario franchise.

CAB has been working diligently on the new cut-outs that will be posted around campus as decorations.

According to Jessica Hunter,

President of CAB, “We had an issue during our last few festival weeks where students had been stealing CAB cut-outs before the campus got to really enjoy them. So, we have made less cut-outs this year to see if people will stop stealing them.”

Last year, a lot of the Harry Potter cut-outs were gone within the first day, and not many students were able to appreciate them. This year, though there are less cut-outs, they are still just as

interesting and include a wide variety of characters.

“If we see less theft of cut-outs, we will go back to making our normal number. Since we cut down the number of cut-outs this year for this reason, we decided to make face-in-hole scenes and place them in two locations on campus so students can take a picture of themselves in the cut outs,” said Hunter.

CAB held a contest to decide on this year's t-shirt design and the winner was freshman Nathan Gauthier, who will receive \$50 for his work.

In addition to their individual program schedule, CAB will also be hosting a week-long event titled “Zombie Apocalypse,” where students will have the chance to participate in a zombie survival game with their peers.

“The more people that play, the more fun it's going to be,” said CAB's event planner, Lea Hair.

For more information on

what is happening with CAB and Freak Week check out the Facebook event or e-mail Jessica Hunter at jhunter@my.centenary.edu

FREAKIN' BOO FEST's PROGRAM SCHEDULE

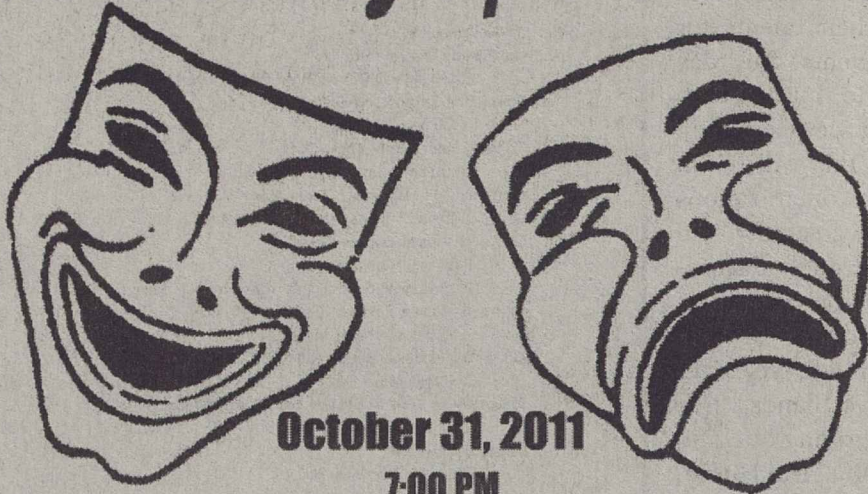
Monday 10/23
Comedian Phil Hanley
8p @Anderson Auditorium

Tuesday 10/25:
Rocky Horror Picture
Show at 7pm in Kilpatrick

Wednesday 10/26:
S'Mores with Centenary
Maroon Jackets
7:30p @Jones Rice

Thursday 10/ 27:
Zombie Walk
6pm @ Jones Rice.

Auditions for: An Evening of One-Acts



October 31, 2011

7:00 PM

Marjorie Lyons Playhouse

9 Directors

Cold readings. No preparation required.

9 Shows

Movie Review: “The Future”



Andrea Labor
Staff Writer
Opinion/Editorial

Young couple Sophie and Jason have one month. One month before the new arrival links them permanently to home, a permanent responsibility that will open a new, far more limited chapter of their lives. Jason and Sophie have one month—because they're adopting a cat.

At first glance, “The Future” is a jumble of the currently popular “slice of life and accompanying awkwardness,” situational irony, and two characters who could not be more mundane and yet more strange if they tried.

Until faced with the one-month ultimatum, they don't seem to try too hard. They spend the day in their apartment and on the internet, Jason answering tech support calls for a living and Sophie surfing YouTube until she goes to teach small children “dance.”

Thank goodness for Pawpaw, the rescued stray who will occasionally talk to the audience about the humans who saved him, and gets Jason thinking.

If Jason really has one more month, he's going to spend it right. He somehow winds up joining a “Go Green” group headed by the mayor, trying to sell trees door-to-door. Sophie decides to do 30 dances in as many days and post them on YouTube. Both quit their jobs for the sake of these endeavors.

They both manage to open bigger cans of worms than they could imagine, with all the symbolism to back it up. The audience is treated to the sight of their relationship slowly but surely degrading.

This is where the symbolism truly kicks in, proving “The Future” to be the existential piece it truly is. Sophie is shown to be all too able to dig herself into a fine hole, and it's an uncertain question as to whether or not

she can pull herself out. Jason is all too willing to try hiding from the problem, taking time to try to make the world pause around him while he sorts himself out while the world goes on around him.

Despite the several significant breaks from reality and a fairly flimsy execution of the initial travesty, the situation plays out fairly realistically and gut-wrenchingly as the climax looms. This is a movie that will suck the audience in before they realize it and make its viewers hope for a happy ending as all of the actors play their parts to the (often creepy) hilt.

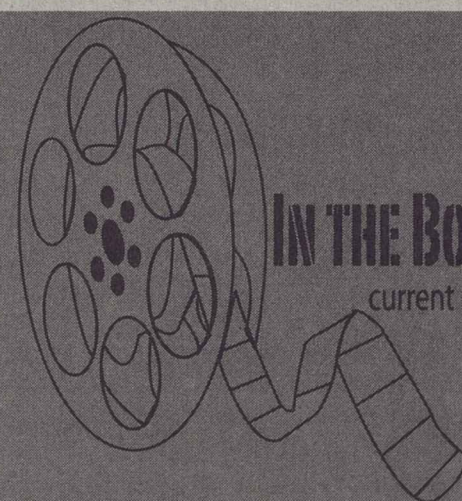
In perfect honesty, this film can be as incendiary as it is strange. Cat lovers will probably cry. Romance lovers will probably pull their hair out. Only truly evil people will probably laugh at the credits gag.

Never have the words “I was theirs” been so tragic.

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| 2. FUN.-We Were Young | 13. Gary Clarke Jr.-Bright Lights EP |
| 3. Toro Y Moi-Freaking Out EP | 14. The Step Kids-The Step Kids |
| 4. Buxton-Nothing Here Seems Strange | 15. ALIAS-Fever Dream |
| 5. Guineafowl-Anxiety EP | 16. Primus-Green Naugahyde |
| 6. TAMMAR-Visits | 17. Van Hunt-What You Were Hoping For |
| 7. De Staat-Machinery | 18. Ben Folds-The Best Imitation Of Myself |
| 8. Clap Your Hands Say Yeah-Hysterical | 19. Neon Indian-Era Extrana |
| 9. Fruit Bats-Tripper | 20. The Crystal Method-Play For Real |
| 10. Gauntlet Hair-Gauntlet Hair | |
| 11. Painted Palms-Canopy EP | |



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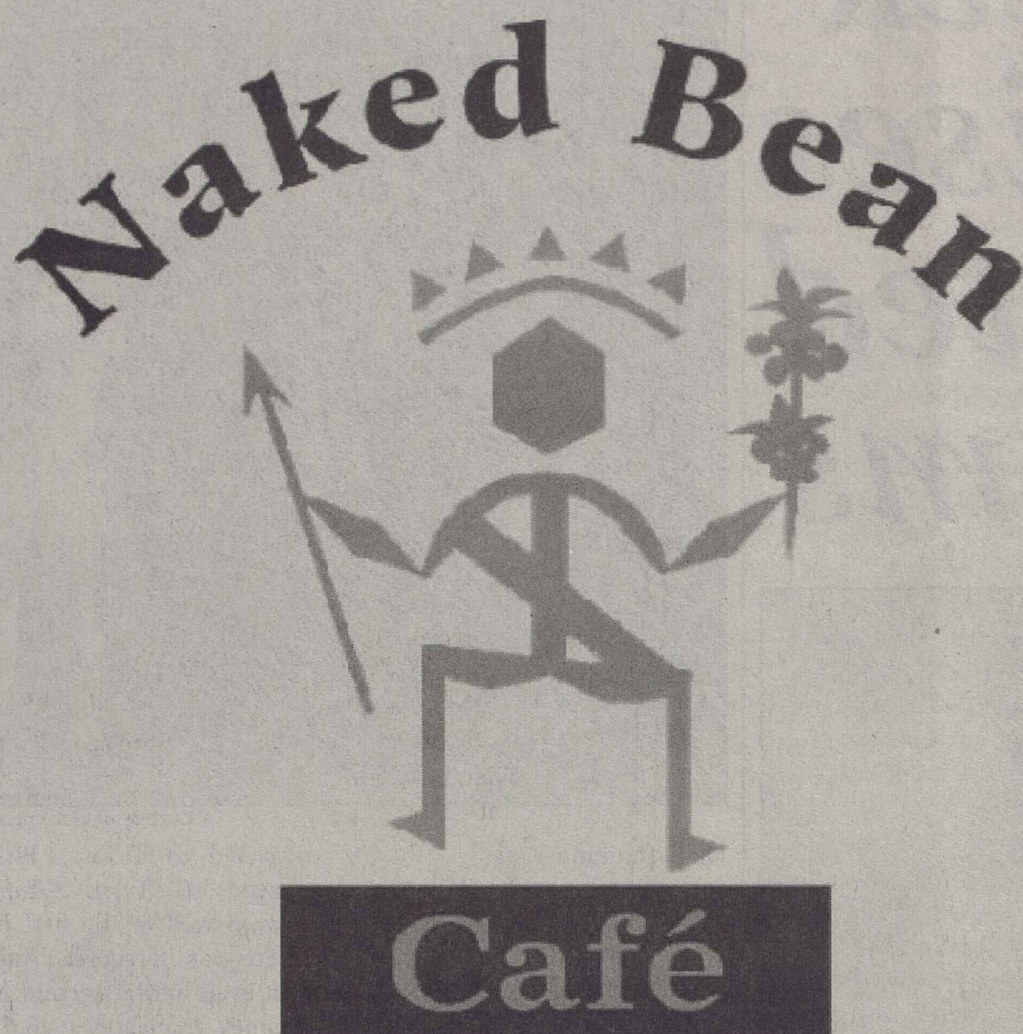
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The Mighty Macs
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The Three Musketeers
The Three Musketeers 3D
The Big Year
Footloose
The Thing
Real Steel: The IMAX Experience
Real Steel
Courageous
The Dream House
Dolphin Tale
Dolphin Tale 3D
Moneyball
The Lion King 3D
Straw Dogs

Now Playing and Coming Soon at The Robinson Film Center:

Detective Dee and the Mystery of the Phantom Flame
Restless
Mozart's Sister
Point Blank
Forks Over Knives

A&E

The Naked Bean provides coffee house atmosphere, entertainment



Summayah Anwar
Staff Writer

Many artists from around town play at The Naked Bean Café, a local coffee shop located near the corner of Line Avenue and Kings Highway.

"We are different from other coffee shops because not only do we provide unique, customized drinks, but also a music venue

that all ages can be a part of," said store owner Pam Hairston.

The café provides a variety of refreshments such as espresso drinks, smoothies, organic juices, and sandwiches.

"Customers like our drinks because we customize them. We can make things more sweet or less sweet. We can blend up whatever combination of things they want," said Hairston, "but

along with coffee, we also focus on music, art, and book signings."

Local or rising artists can go online to nakedbeancoffeehop.com and schedule gigs based on days they are available.

"People tell me what they want to do and we figure out the days and timings and agree on money charges," said Hairston.

Most cover charges range

from \$3 to \$5. The café holds onto 20% of proceeds, with the entertainer getting the rest.

The café takes advantage of free advertising from radio stations and the Forum Magazine. Artists will advertise for their play times via their own Facebook or word of mouth.

"We provide the mixing board and mic. Artists just need to come in and plug their guitar or instrument and start playing," said Hairston.

The café also hosts music days of its own. The first Thursday of every month is known as Naked Vinyl. "This is an old tradition. Families will come out and bring old records that we will play. It's a chill out kind of evening," said Hairston.

In addition, every Wednesday evening is dubbed Blue Grass, with people sitting in a circle and playing folk songs with instruments like banjos and guitars. There is also karaoke nights on various days during the month.

"Many people get their start here. Sometimes it's the person's first time to ever perform in front of people. We provide the facility for people to meet up and team up," said Hairston. "Poet/Singer/Songwriter night is very popular amongst people looking to get pieces heard."

Although many Centenary students have heard about this four-year old coffee shop, they are not sure what it offers to the Centenary and Shreveport community.

"I have heard people mention the Naked Bean and what it does but I have never been there," said sophomore Andrew Pulliam. "I think it's cool that a coffee shop would provide different types of music."

Freshman Emilie Harmeyer was interested to hear about this shop. "I have never heard of the Naked Bean, but I would definitely be willing to check it out sometime."

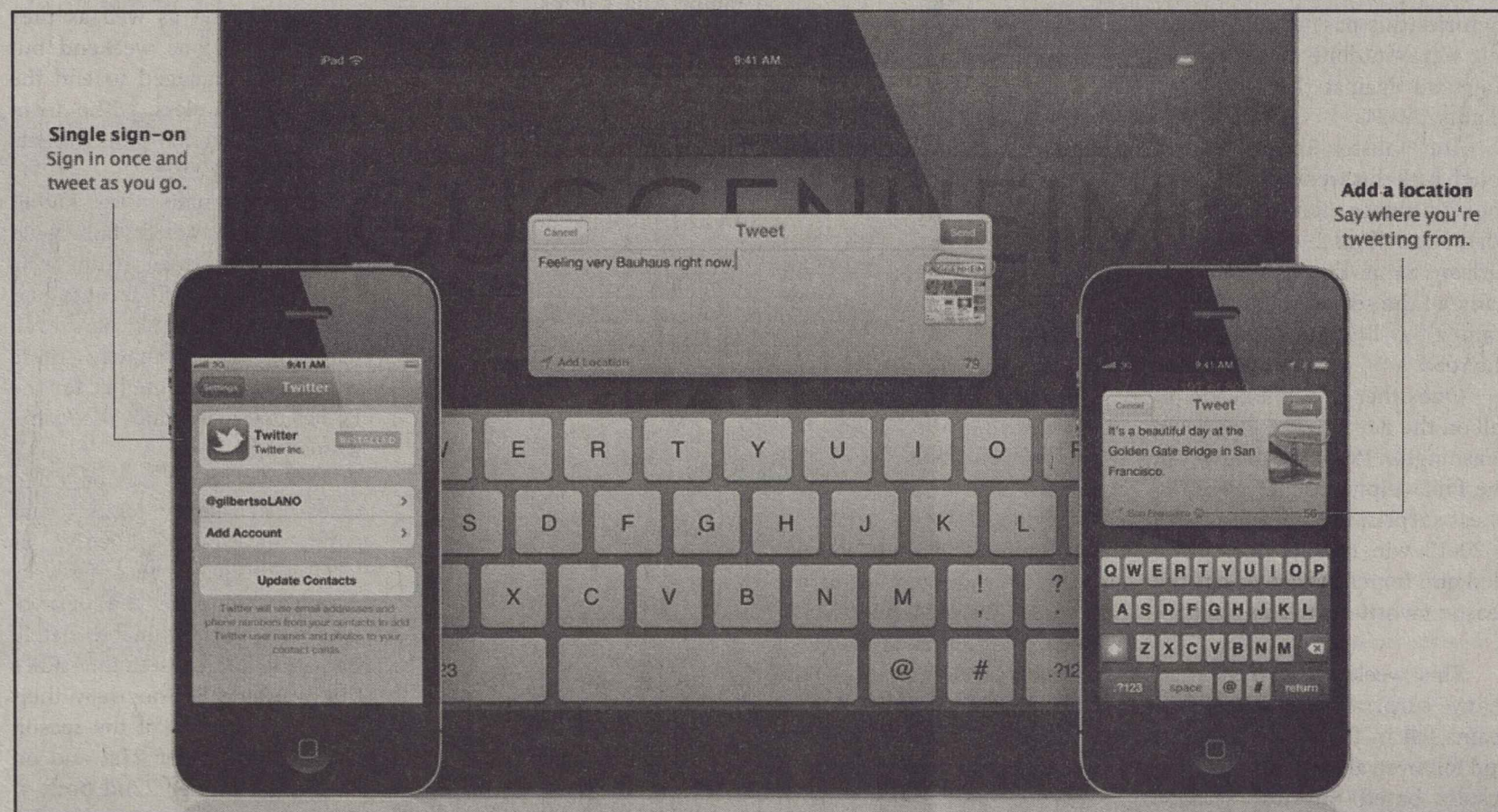
The café, which is slowly growing, is still popular among its regulars, but is also a place sought out by visiting tourists.

"I have people from out of town that come in all the time because they have looked us up and want to support local coffee shops. Local places have a connection with their customers," said Hairston.

"We have a drink, the Panda Bear Milkshake, that is popular amongst adults and kids. It was created for a little girl who wanted a milkshake with just brown sugar, cinnamon, local honey, and milk. The milkshake was named after her nickname when it caught on with customers," said Hairston.

Recently, the Calico Girlz opened for Shreveport native Chuck Kessilman, a singer, songwriter, and performer of the Beatles music, at the Naked Bean. Kessilman is known as The world's greatest solo 12-string Beatles guitarist.

Tech News: *Apple Upgrades to iOS 5*



Nathan Yacovissi
Photographer

The new iOS 5 software for Apple devices has reached a new level in the technology realm. Specific products affected by this latest update include the iPad, iPhone, and iPod touch. These portable devices were already fantastic, but now over 200 new features have been added.

The most radical change in this update is Notification Cen-

ter. Replacing iOS's previous, admittedly clunky notification system, Notification Center provides a single, universally accessible slide-down pane containing all of your apps' notifications. Each app's notifications can be cleared independently of other apps, so if you can't reply to that new email immediately, you can leave the notification intact as a reminder, but clear the alerts about your updated Words With Friends games. Also included in Notification Center are simplified versions of iOS's Weather

and Stocks apps, giving users at-a-glance updates for climate and portfolio changes. The new Notification Center is great for helping users stay on top of new information.

If you have an iPad or iPod touch, you can now join the conversation with iMessage. This new messaging service is available to all iOS 5 users. It's built into the Messages app and allows a user to send text, photos, videos, locations, and contacts to other iOS 5 users via Wi-Fi or 3G. These messages are sent and

delivered outside of users' wireless plans, so even iPad and iPod touch users can make use of this feature. Everyone can stay in the loop even easier now.

Speaking of easier, the new Reminders app is Apple's own foray into the Getting Things Done (GTD) movement. Reminders lets users jot down to-do list items they have, with a few nifty features. One such feature is that Reminders can work based on location. As an example, if a user sets a reminder to pick up dry cleaning after work,

the device will alert the user about that item once the device has left a certain radius of the user's work address. The app works with iCal, Microsoft Outlook, and iCloud, so changes are kept up-to-date across devices and calendars.

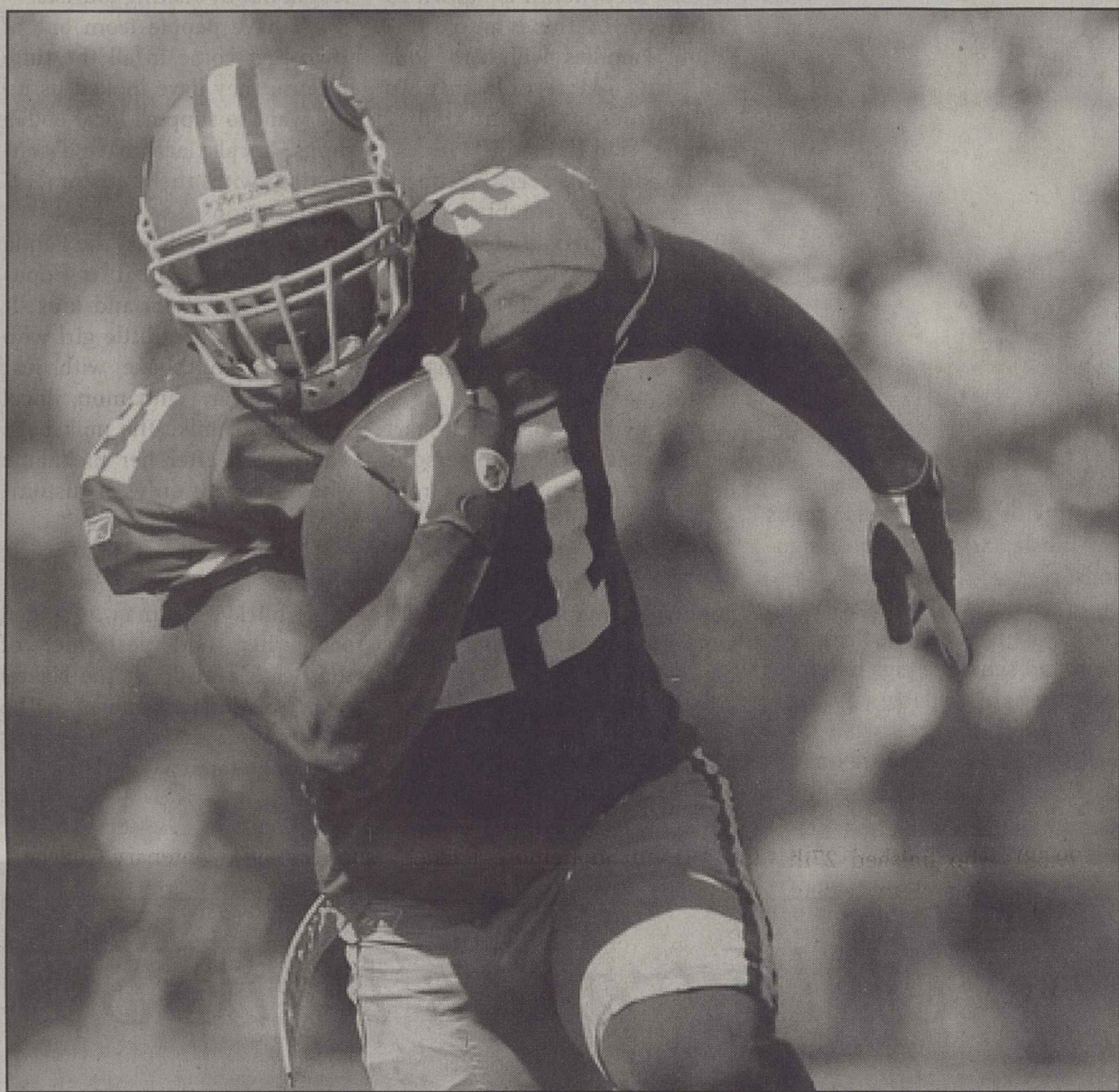
iOS 5 is all about organization and keeping things synced easily. Twitter is now deeply integrated with iOS 5. Users can now enter their Twitter login credentials and have the option to tweet links and pictures directly from other apps. The new Newsstand app offers popular magazines and newspapers, like the New York Times, for download.

The Camera app has been updated and now users can pinch-to-zoom to control the camera's digital zoom functionality. Once a photo is taken, it can be edited in Photos with new photo enhancements, including rotation, red eye removal, auto-enhance, and cropping. Safari has improved performance on all iOS devices.

This software update has offered some new features that are still being developed. With the iPhone 5 rumored to be released in less than a year, it is nice to see iOS 5 software continuing to pave the way with new improvements and ideas.

SPORTS

NFL Update: *Another week brings supprises for unexpected football teams*



Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

If at the beginning of the season someone said the Detroit Lions and San Francisco 49ers would be the game to watch this time of year, sport's fans would probably think you were clueless with little knowledge of football.

Entering the week with a combined 7-1 record and on top of their respected divisions, the Lions and 49ers battled hard Sunday afternoon. It was the 49ers though who took the lead for good in the closing minutes of the game and handed the Lions their first loss of the season with a 25-19 victory.

Some other teams entered the week doing very well, but fell this past week for one reason or another. The Buffalo Bills entered with winning record and came off with some impressive

victories this past couple weeks, but were outdone this week on the road against the New York Giants, 27-24.

The Houston Texans ran into tough luck this week too, drawing the Baltimore Ravens on the road and falling 29-14. The New Orleans Saints dropped their 2nd game of the season, falling to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 26-20 on the road.

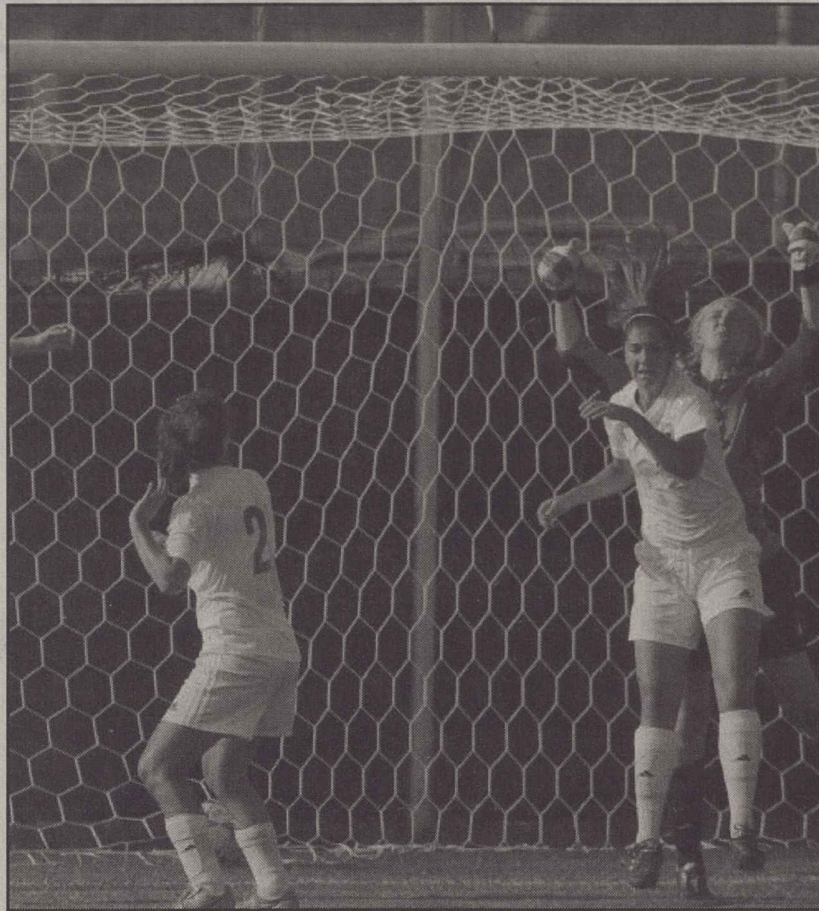
One other Division Leader to fall on the day was the surprising Washington Red Skins. However, the Philadelphia Eagles were the ones surprising everyone with a 20-13 win to snap a 4 game skid and hopefully get one of the season favorites back on track.

This week wasn't full of as many surprises though. Some teams fell in their typical habits and followed along with expected results based on how seasons have been playing out so far. The

Indianapolis Colts continued to be denied their first victory of the season as they dropped to 0-6 on the year with a 27-17 loss against the Cincinnati Bengals. The Atlanta Falcons cruised to a 31-17 win over the division rival Carolina Panthers. The New England Patriots came back and topped the Dallas Cowboys 20-16.

Wrapping up the scoreboard this week include: Green Bay over the St. Louis Rams 24-3, Pittsburgh Steelers over Jacksonville 17-13, Oakland over the Cleveland Browns 24-17, and the Chicago Bears over the Minnesota Vikings 39-10. The Vikings and Rams are still in search of their first victory of the season. The New York Jets host the Miami Dolphins this Monday for a chance to end it this week.

The Ladies Play a Series of Tough Games



Courtesy of GoCentenary.com

Hannah Pfannenstiel
Staff Writer

The Centenary Ladies have been through quite an emotional season. The transition from D1 to D3 has not been easy, but the Ladies have done all they can to push their emotions about the switch behind them in order to play the sport they love as a team.

The Ladies had a stressful two weekends. Before fall break, they played McMurry and Hardin Simmons. McMurry was expected to be an easy game but anything can happen once the players step onto the field. The Ladies came to play.

Junior, Holden Penney, scored the first goal assisted by senior, Laura Immenschuh in only 4 minutes. The second goal of the half came at the 10 minute mark when Immenschuh (a defender) managed to score her own goal with an assist from junior, Allie Cortes.

Second half came and the Ladies were far from finished. Juniors, Traci Lee assisted Courtney Cleveland in the 3rd minute of the second half. Cleveland went on to score another goal in the 63rd minute assisted by senior, Candace Rushing.

The next game was on October 8th at Mayo Field. The Ladies played defending national champs Hardin Simmons. They knew it was to be an exhausting game, both mentally and physically, but were ready for the challenge. The Ladies held Hardin Simmons off until the 32nd minute of the first half. Hardin Simmons managed another goal in the second half, in the 81st minute. The Ladies played very well together and were very proud of their efforts as a team.

Last weekend the Ladies

traveled to Texas. First they played UT Tyler. The Ladies played well in the first half but there was no score. They came out even harder second half and Penney managed a goal in the 70th minute assisted by Cortez.

It only takes one second of a mental lapse for a game to change and that is what happened in the 88th minute of the UT Tyler game. Tyler tied the game 1 to 1 and the Ladies played two 10 minute sudden death overtime periods; both were scoreless and the game ended in a tie.

The final game of fall break was in Austin, Texas. The Ladies traveled with the Gents on a 7 hour chartered bus ride. This long of a trip often causes problems on the field. They traveled to Austin on Friday and played Saturday against Concordia.

It was obvious the Ladies had been traveling in the first half. The team was not communicating as well as they had the previous weekend but the Ladies managed to end the first half scoreless. The team made the mental adjustments needed at half time.

Second half the Ladies looked much better but could not manage a goal. Concordia scored in the 75th minute and the Ladies began to play even harder. Unfortunately there was not enough time left for the Ladies to score and the game would end 1 to 0.

Soccer is a game that takes extreme focus and communication. If either is lacking the game becomes very difficult and even the best of teams can lose a winnable match. Be sure to come watch the Ladies this weekend as they play their final home games of the season on Friday October 21st and on Saturday October 22nd both at 4pm!

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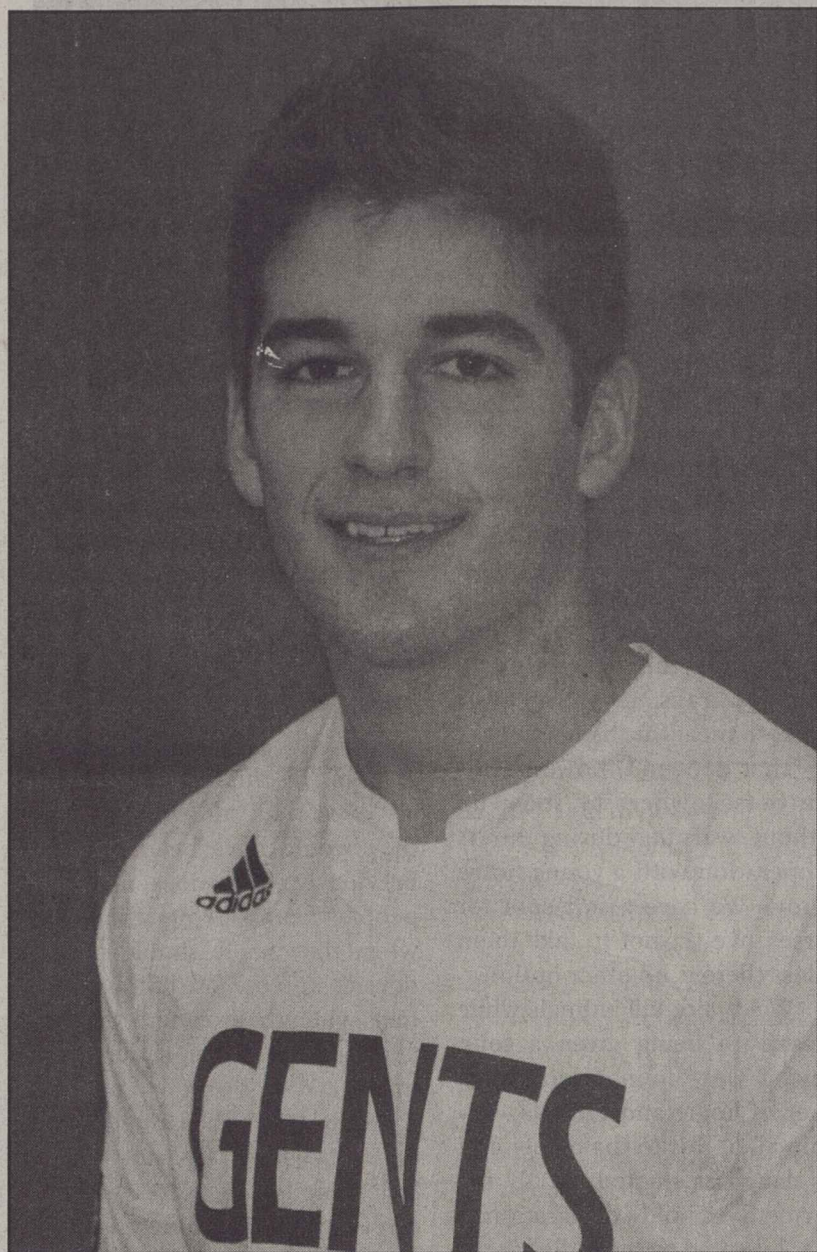
UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

October 21	October 22	October 25	October 27
Cross Country Women's Oct. 21 Northwestern State at Natchitoches, La. 3:00 p.m. Cross Country Men's Oct. 21 Northwestern State at Natchitoches, La. 3:30 p.m.	Soccer Women's Oct. 21 Mary Hardin Baylor Mayo Field 4:00pm Soccer Men's Oct. 21 Mary Hardin Baylor Mayo Field 6:00pm Volleyball Oct. 22 UT-Dallas at Richardson, Texas 2:00 p.m.	Soccer Men's Oct. 22 Howard Payne University Mayo Field 6:00pm Swimming Women's Oct. 22 Austin College/Hendrix Haynes Fitness Center 2:00 p.m. Swimming Men's Oct. 22 Austin College/Hendrix Haynes Fitness Center 2:00pm Volleyball Oct. 25 Mississippi College at Clinton, Miss. 6:00 p.m.	Soccer Men's Oct. 27 UT-Dallas at Richardson, TX 7:30 p.m. Soccer Women's Oct. 27 UT-Dallas at Richardson, TX 5:30pm

SPORTS

Athlete of the Week: Cross Country: Battered but Not Broken

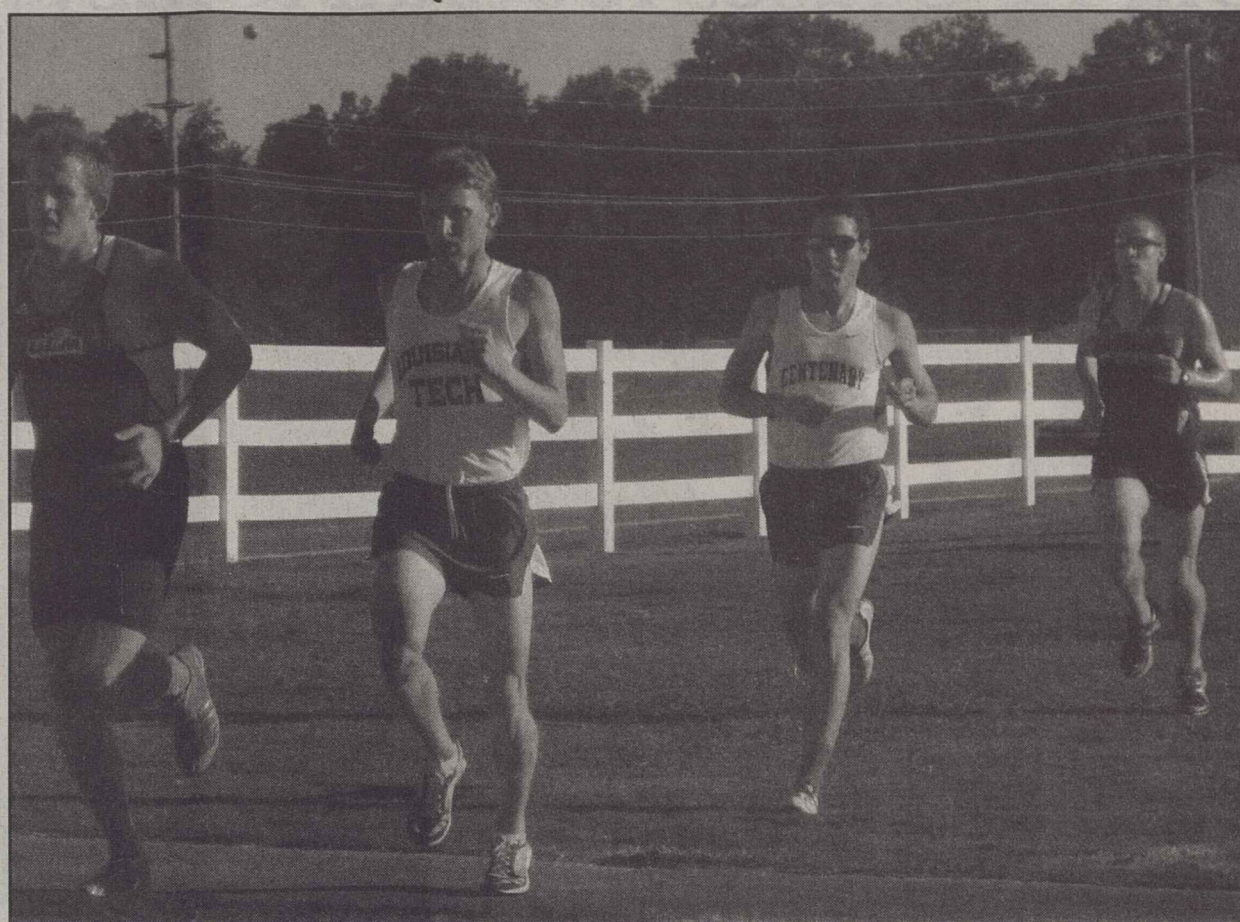
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Steven Finley
Sports Editor

Sport: Men's Soccer
Classification: Junior
Position: Midfielder/ Forward
Hometown: Livingston, TX
Major: Finance/ Economics
Favorite Color: Black- most dominant
Favorite Sports Team: Dallas Cowboys
Favorite Restaurant: McDonald's
Favorite Musical Artist: Lil Wayne
Favorite TV Show: Seinfeld
Favorite Movie: The Sound of Music
Hobbies: Playing Sports, Ping Pong, Long walks on the beach, Hustling, and crafting
What do you plan on doing after graduation: Business
People you look up to: Michael Jordan and my older brothers
When did you start playing or getting involved in your sport and why: When I was 5 because I am very competitive
What goes through your head as you prepare for every game: Time to do work!!
What is your most memorable moment in your career: I scored 10 goals on Robbie Ramirez
What is your least favorite thing about your sport and what is

your most favorite: The running is the least, and scoring on Robbie Ramirez is my favorite
If you could sum up your life in one song what would it be: Girls just wanna have fun by Cindy Lauper
What advice would you give younger athletes in your sport: Work hard and have fun
Name three things you own that describe you: Evan Magill, my laptop, and my soccer ball
What is your most over used word or phrase: That's what she said
High School academic accomplishments, rewards or honors societies: NA High School sports accomplishments, rewards, and placements: Lettered four times in soccer and tennis Named first team All-District four times, also earned Freshman and Sophomore of the Year and Offensive Player of the Year
... Earned team MVP honors
... Scored two goals and gave seven assists in one game ...
Was the school's Valedictorian, member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, GT Program and Business Professionals of America



Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

The Ladies and Gents cross country squads traveled on Monday evening to Natchitoches, Louisiana to compete in Northwestern State University's Invitational cross country meet.

The Gents in their 8k (5 Mile) race did not have all their key runners to complete the team for this week's race. Due to a few lingering injuries, the Gents had to run without two of their stud runners; Junior Miles McDonald and Senior Team Captain Jonathan Martin.

However the Centenary Gents still came out to race. Leading the team was Chad Nelson (29:58), who finished 27th overall. Finishing close behind was Senior Robert Poole (31:30) taking 30th place. Horacio D'Agostino (34:39/34th) and Daniel Barker (42:49/48th) finished

the race strong.

The men have been hit with injuries throughout the season, but still train each and every day to prepare for the Conference Meet at the end of the month. Team Captain Jonathan Martin said, "The team is doing just fine right now, but if and when the team gets back together; we will do great!"

The Ladies had their full arsenal ready for the 6K competition. For the third consecutive race, junior Julie Hughes led the ladies with a 12th place overall finish and a time of (26:23). Kayla Tibaldo finished second-best with an 18th overall finish and a time of (26:49).

Senior Mellynn Baker (28:20) and Sophomore Rachel Olson (28:28) battled to the finish line finishing 22nd and 23rd overall. Two seniors Jaquelyn Batson (29:12) and Bonnie Cook (30:05) finished with 29th and

31st respectively. Rounding up the Ladies were Hayley Schneider (33:59/40th), Michelle Gaubert (36:47/41st), Millicent Davis (38:09/43rd) and Ashley Giffen (38:10/44th).

The Ladies seized a 4th place team finish with 104 points. Capturing the women's team title was University of Louisiana Monroe with 30 points trailed by the hosting team NSU with 40 points. Grambling fell short with a team total of 80 points.

You can see the Gents and Ladies compete in their annual Centenary Invitational on Saturday, October 15th at Clyde Fant Disc Course. The Ladies will begin the races at 9 am, followed by the Gents at 9:45 am. Come support your Centenary College Cross Country Team!

Final Week of Regular Season Flag Football

Christian Prince
Staff Writer

The third and final week of flag football has finally wrapped up. With playoffs near, the race for the championship title is on.

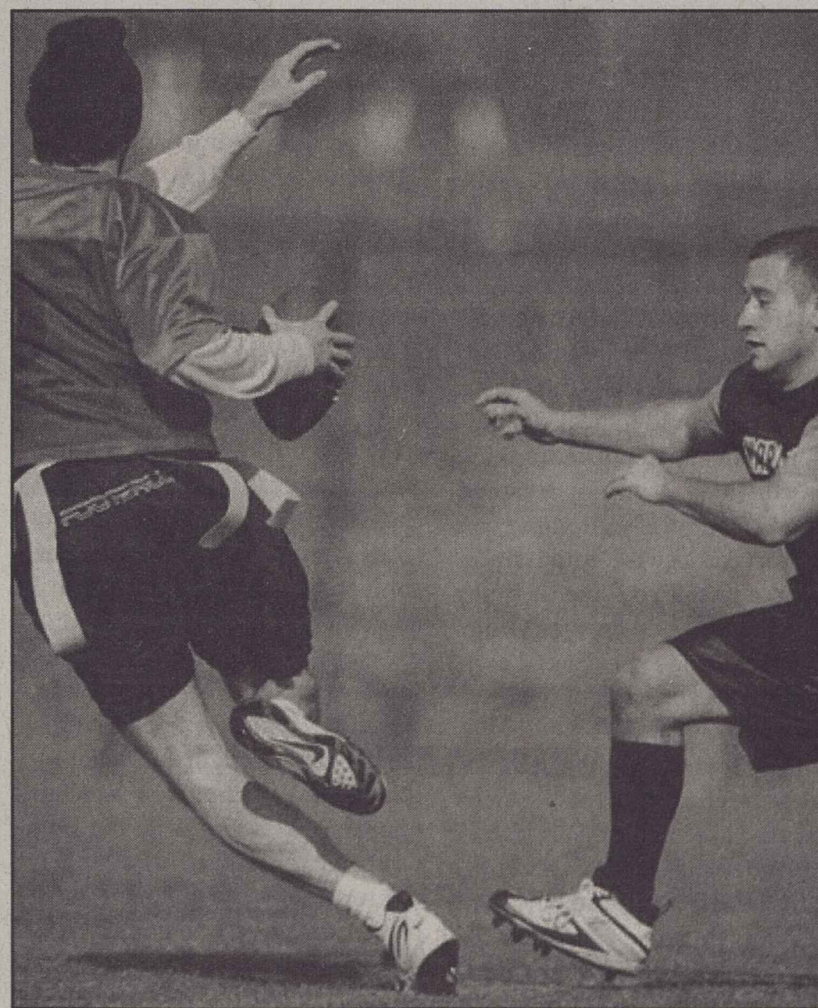
This week has provided a variety of entertainment. In the men's league there have been several nail bitters and a couple of blowouts. On the flip side, the women's league's intensity has been turned up.

The Zeta's and Chi-O's series is now tied at two apiece.

The championship game will be played Tuesday, October 18th at 8:00 pm. The Chi-O's took an early lead in the series with a 2-0 record, but the Zeta's fought hard to come back and tie the series at 2-2. They achieved big wins in the third game with an exhausting overtime and the fourth game they picked up a new recruit to help propel them to another win.

Emilie Harmeyer, a Zeta linewoman, was asked how she felt about the Zeta comeback and said, "I think it is pretty awesome. I was a little worried when we lost our first two games, but we started practicing and we made the amazing comeback I knew we would."

The baseball team has suffered two unfortunate forfeits, causing their number one ranking to be challenged by KA. This week Old School also had to



forfeit, as well as CHOR due to their choral trip. Wolfpack has suffered from forfeits as well due to a lack of players this season.

The records for the end of the regular season are KA 6-1, Baseball is 5-1-0 (the one is for a tie with Wolfpack), Old School 4-3, Wolfpack/TKE is 4-1-2, KE 1-6, and CHOR is 0-6.

The scores for this week were:

Ka vs ke 49-18
Old school vs chor 69-12
Ka vs wolfpack 27-26
Baseball vs old school 46-29
Wolfpack vs baseball 20-20
Wolfpack vs chor 27-14
Zeta vs Chi-O 12-0

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VIEWPOINTS

Big 12 Causes football frenzy



Christian Prince
Staff Writer

As the 2011 college football season has progressed, many have speculated about the organization of the 2012 conferences. The Big 12 has begun to dissolve and the fate of some teams has already been decided.

Texas A&M has officially entered the SEC (Southeastern Conference) for the 2012 season, and it is possible that Missouri will enter the conference as well.

It has been reported Texas, Texas Tech, Oklahoma, and Oklahoma State have been looking into joining the Pac-12, creating what would be known as the Pac-16.

What will happen to Baylor, Kansas, Kansas State, and Iowa State is unknown. Baylor does not have a strong enough football program to contend and will probably face issues from Big East football dominating TCU.

Is the Big 12 completely breaking up? This has yet to be decided.

According to an article in *The Pitch*, Kansas City sports-writer Mark DeArmond says, "Point the finger at Texas and (university) presidents emasculating Big 12 commissioner Dan Beebe."

Of course, this will eventually come down to money. Already holding contracts with Fox, this will not be sufficient for some of the teams in the Big 12. Texas paid for their own channel, the Longhorn Network. Then they received a \$300 million deal with ESPN.

This was a major cause for A&M to part ways.

Even though there are 12 teams in the Big 12, finger pointing only goes back and forth between Texas and Texas A&M. Texas people like to blame A&M, A&M like to blame Texas. Yet this rival causes the other ten teams to suffer.

While football and the BCS (Bowl Championship Series) are the major issues at hand, let's take a moment to consider basketball.

Kansas, a long-time powerhouse in basketball, is horrible at football. Dropping to a conference in which they could possibly contend with in football, hurts the basketball program.

If the Big 12 is allowed to completely break, what does this say to other conferences? When things get hard can a team just run and join another conference? Is a conference chance what is best for all sports? Even though football rakes in the majority

of funding for school athletics, there are still many other sports to consider.

The biggest issue at stake is the change of conferences and the ability for the teams to contend in the conference in which they are placed. With Texas A&M and possibly Missouri entering the SEC, which is already ruled by LSU, Alabama, and Florida, will these teams be able to keep up with the intensity and expectations already set by SEC fans?

Also with the expansion of many conferences, will football season be extended? More games are going to have to be played to satisfy the new conference boundaries.

Almost all of these teams are going to the SEC and Pac-12. Is that necessarily fair? The SEC is the dominant conference in football and the Pac-12 is a contender in basketball. Adding teams that already hold strong athletic programs just strengthens these conferences. Shouldn't this talent be spread throughout all conferences?

There are so many questions that can be asked due to the breakdown of the Big 12. It is hard to judge whether this will hold positive or negative effects.

Abelard: A Noble Cause



Andrea Labor
Staff Writer

Yogie and Friends Exotic Cat Sanctuary accepts donations of all manner of hoofstock—deer, cattle, goats, sheep, pigs, donkeys, horses, etc.—from local sources in order to feed its lions, tigers, and other should-be-wild cats. We are extremely grateful for such donations, especially since having the freezer out of operation translates into requiring fresh meat for the feedings.

That does not, however, invite horse owners to show up without warning during hours of operation with a young horse in tow. We have a soft spot for horses. We try not to take them unless there is no other option.

We do not kill animals while guests are being given a tour. Having Tim—founder and caretaker of Yogie and Friends—explain all of this to the owner and his daughter elicited mainly the thirteen-year-old's declaration: "I wanted to see it die."

Being an animal lover occasionally translates into forgetting that not everybody else is. This was likely this girl's horse, whom was now being thrown aside alongside another for reasons unknown. This was also likely a racehorse, identified as a thoroughbred, and he was meeting a surprisingly common fate—early death.

Being an informed animal lover translates into remembering that many people do not care for their animals or do not care for them well. Horses are a lot

to take care of, and big cats even moreso.

Unfortunately, people buy a racehorse, expecting it to be the one in a million big winner—and cannot care for it when it is not. The latest horse left at Yogie—neither name nor age were given—was undernourished and sported a badly cracked hoof. Compared to others, he was in good condition.

In the United States, there are over 3,000 tigers in Texas alone, and countless more horse owners. In this economy, both are even more of a luxury than they would have been to most previously. That does not stop people from taking them on when they really should not. It doesn't stop the fate of those animals when their owners discover what a poor decision they have made.

The laws in the United States and elsewhere are not nearly strict enough, nor are they enforced properly. There are more pressing concerns, of course, but it is still depressing that such treatment takes place within our own borders. Death by starvation is not too uncommon among large "domestics," nor is death by bullet.

We named the horse Abelard (Abel-ard), a German name meaning "noble." He is three years old, chestnut, and incredibly even-tempered for a grazer able to smell the cats' current meal. He is being sent off to a friend of Yogie's until he gets his weight back up and can go to a permanent home.

A Million Reasons: *Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder*

Hadley Million
Layout Editor

Absence makes the heart grow fonder. I've never really given this much thought until I had the recent pleasure of acquiring a boyfriend that lives out of state and the unfortunate realization that I'm allergic to gluten. To some, this idea may seem very familiar and logical. To others, like me, you may be thinking that this idea is purely designed to make you miss something you wouldn't otherwise miss. But I am here to tell you that at times this sentence becomes the rule, and everything experienced contrary to this rule is merely an exception.

Boyfriends. Oh, gentlemanly boyfriends. This is definitely a case of the heart growing fonder due to their absence. Right, ladies? But seriously, men and women alike can attest to this. When he or she's away there's none of the "come hang out with me" nonsense when you need to study for a test. You don't have to worry about spending the extra cash when your signi-o (significant other, it's the new hip lingo) "forgets" their cash. For those with aversions to drama, the long distance option is definitely less dramatic. The less face talk, the less drama. You also don't have to worry about losing the quality time you spend play-

ing video games and reading reddit trying to convince your signi-o that you enjoy their company but the new Batman game just came out.

To address the gluten-free topic I mentioned earlier: as I've described on multiple occasions and probably with way too much graphic detail, I learned over the summer that I have a gluten allergy. Breads, pastas, and pastries are no longer my friends. As the months go by without these items I realize how dearly I miss them. Now anytime I see someone eating a donut I wish I could jump onto their chests and eat the last glistening remnants of donut residue off their shirts. When I see someone enjoying a particularly delightful, wheaty-gluten-soaked morsel I have to restrain myself from taking him or her by the collar and yelling at the top of my lungs, "be grateful for it, one day it'll be gone!"

Who misses their childhood? I know I do. Oh how I long for the days when my bangs were more often than not in a continuous state of unevenness. Those glorious days when all I worried about was the world ending and monsters in my closet. Now I'm left to worry about my classes, my career, and my upcoming impending doom that is post-graduation. I will never again be the careless child that ran around outside barefoot re-



Hadley Million/Conglomerate

gardless of stickers, ants, tetanus, or hepatitis (as one of the café workers told me freshman year when I decided I wanted to take a stroll without my shoes). Long gone are the days when wearing Velcro-light up shoes was acceptable and carrying a thermos was not only necessary but also socially important.

Absence truly does make the heart grow fonder; when I

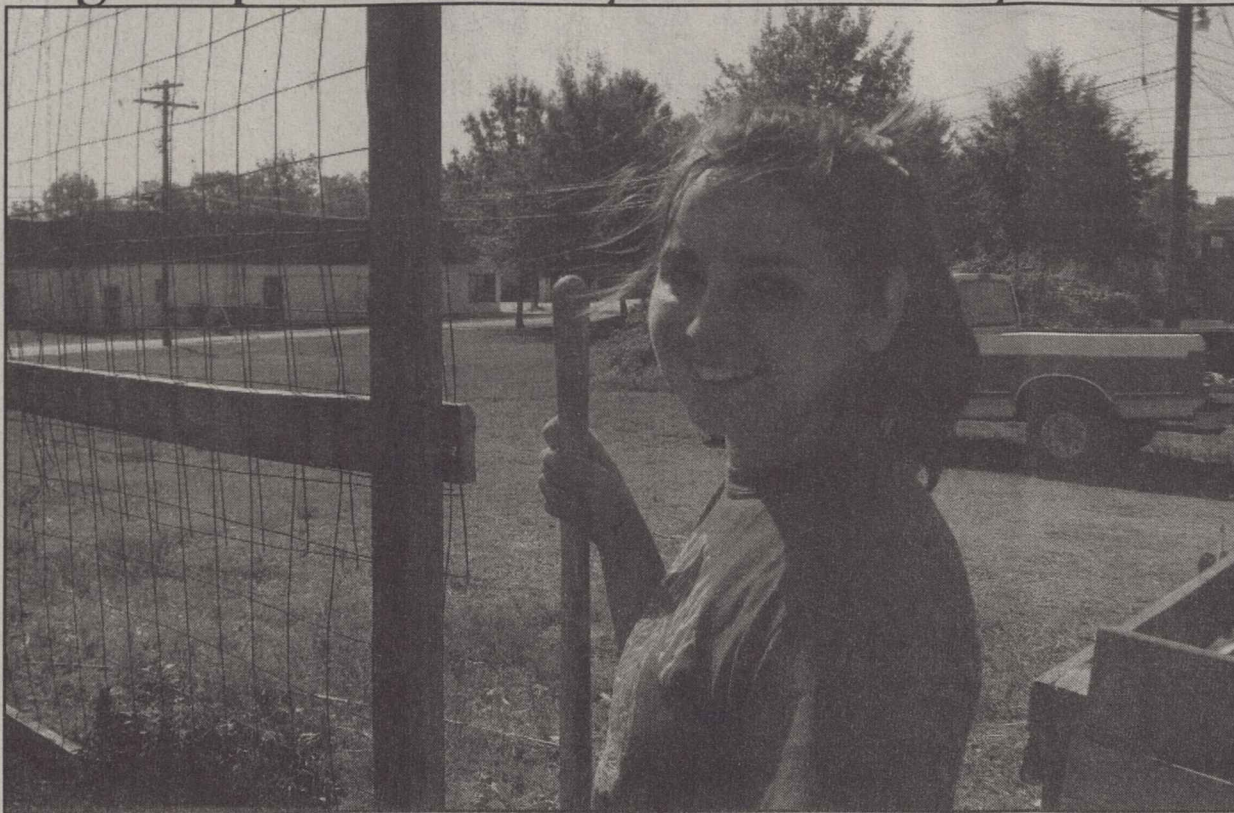
was little I remember constantly wishing I could grow up. Now that I'm technically classified as "grown up," I wish for the days when I was little and able to ask my mom to rock me to sleep and sort out my boogers with a booger sucker (aspirator).

Regardless of what or who is in your life that you find you appreciate more the longer they're gone, I urge you to continue ap-

preciating the simpler things in life. Because one day you may find that your singi-o has moved in with you, or that you're allergic to the very thing you found your body dependent on, or you've become a full-fledged adult.

VIEWPOINTS

Go Green! [House]: Dig Deep in Centenary's Community Garden



Karley Aiken
A&E Editor

Courtesy of the Green House Facebook

Centenary's Sustainability Living/Learning Community is planting the seeds for a more sustainable lifestyle as well as a more connected community with the introduction of a community garden on campus. The garden, located on a patch of land directly west of Centenary Square, was recently harvested for fall by GreenHouse students and supporters. Currently, the SLLC is growing peas, beets, carrots, lettuces, turnips, garlic, onion, beans and strawberries.

There are many benefits to having a community garden just lying around (in case you were wondering about the good of it all). Growing a garden teaches people to think sustainably and use long-term problem-solving skills rather than relying on quick fix, short-term solutions. Gardens can educate the public on issues such as waste minimization and recycling through composting and mulching.

Lucky for us, composting is a beautiful - somewhat malodor-

ous - thing that Centenary will shortly be introducing into our waste-minimizing behavior.

Physics professor Dr. Troy Messina outlined specific benefits to having a community garden for Centenary, including being able to redirect food waste to compost (a process that will be accessible soon) and provide food for the Cafeteria in the form of organic, local, and free produce.

"Gardening is Zen," Dr. Messina says. There certainly is something about working outside in the dirt and "watching something grow out of the ground" that is healthy and beneficial beyond the physical aspects.

Students and community members that participate in the GreenHouse program as well as corresponding events are able to generate and promote a greater sense of unity and appreciation for our community and the environment. The community garden provides students with hands-on experience and an opportunity to be a part of more than just a Sustainability class.

Centenary sophomore Parker Duff is constantly excited about getting to be involved in new activities in the SLLC; he says that the community garden is "a great thing - it offers the opportunity to explore sustainable living hands-on locally in a purposeful manner. It's more than just a class."

For the future, the GreenHouse plans to expand their limits and join forces with the Community Garden Coalition, as well as reach out to local businesses in hopes to share the production of crops. Recently a grant was submitted to the Northwest Louisiana Master Gardeners to propose having an open house; the community garden would be offered as a place for local businesses to grow produce in order to provide locally grown food to the Shreveport community.

If you have any questions about future GreenHouse events or want to get involved (no, you don't have to be a student!), friend the Centenary GreenHouse on Facebook!

Weird Science: IQ is Not Fixed in the Teenage Brain

Madeline Fechter
Viewpoints Editor

declined in the other.

The brain scans mirrored the score differences. In teens whose verbal IQ scores had increased, for example, the scans showed increased gray matter density in a region of the brain activated by speech. Teens whose nonverbal skills had improved showed changes in a brain region associated with motor movements of the hand.

A new study suggests that while IQ can rise or fall during the teen years, the brain's structure reflects this uptick or decline. According to Gisela Telis's October article in ScienceNow "this result offers the first direct evidence that intelligence can change after early childhood and provides new hope for boosting the brain's abilities."

Researchers agree that IQ scores can predict people's ability to learn and perform certain tasks, and to some degree forecast our later academic achievement and job performance. Scores have long been thought to stay relatively stable throughout our lives; the few studies that have shown some variation in IQ could not rule out measurement errors or differences in testing environment as the cause.

"So neuroscientist Cathy Price of University College London and colleagues looked beyond the scores. They tested 33 teenagers—19 boys and 14 girls—in 2004, when they were 12 to 16 years old, and again in 2008, when they were 15 to 20 years old. Each time, the teens took IQ tests that measured their verbal and nonverbal abilities," said Telis.

Then, using magnetic resonance imaging, the researchers scanned the teenagers' brains while they performed verbal tasks, such as reading or naming objects, and nonverbal tasks, such as solving visual puzzles with their hands. The idea was to match their test scores with a picture of their brain's structure and activity at each time.

According to Telis, the test results revealed dramatic changes: between their first testing and their second, the teens' verbal and nonverbal IQ scores rose or fell by as many as 20 points (on a scale for which the average is 100). Some teens improved or declined in just their verbal or nonverbal skills or improved in one area and

"These changes are real and they are reflected in the brain," says Price, whose team reports the finding online today in Nature. "People's attitude is to decide early on that this is a clever kid, and this is not a clever kid—but this suggests you can't make that assessment in the teenage years."

The results are "really exciting," says John Gabrieli, a neuroscientist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, who was not involved in the study. "People have thought IQ is fixed or that it becomes stable very early in life, but here is meaningful evidence that variation happens and continues well into adolescence."

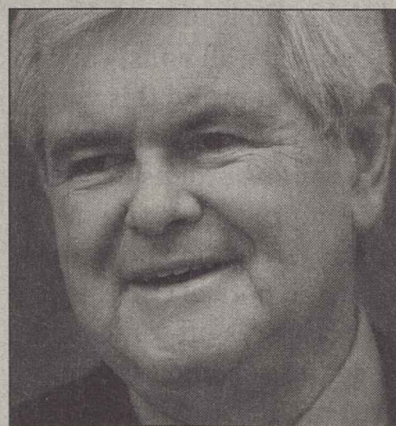
The study offers no clues to why the fluctuations occur. But it does raise the possibility that training or other interventions could boost performance, says Frances Jensen, a neurologist and neuroscientist at Harvard Medical School and Children's Hospital Boston. "This is a really nice mixed message for teens," she says. "It suggests there's still plasticity at this stage ... so you can still work on weaknesses and enhance strengths."

Telis said, "Jensen notes the study has another potentially powerful implication: Although teen angst and eye rolling may fade with time, the brain's ability to boost—or lose—its brainpower may not."

"Is the end of the story in the teen years, or is there still this plasticity in the young adult brain and beyond?" said Jensen, "I don't think we know that yet."

Presidential Spotlight of the Week: Newt Gingrich

Andrea Violet
Business Manager



This week, we are back to our Presidential candidate spotlight with former Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich. According to Real Clear Politics, a self-proclaimed independent and non-partisan media company, Gingrich is currently in fourth place in the polls, following Romney and Cain (tied), and Perry.

Gingrich announced his attempt to secure the Republican Presidential nominee position back in May of 2011. This announcement effectively ended his 13-year long stint holding appointed positions.

Gingrich received a B.A. in history from Emory University in 1965. He followed this with his M.A. in 1968, and his Ph.D in modern European history from Tulane University in 1971. His career then began in 1970 with faculty positions at West Georgia College and Kennesaw State University. After two unsuccessful runs for congressional office in 1974 and 1976, Gingrich went on to win the seat during his third election run in 1978. His next major career event was his elec-

tion to the Speaker of the House position in 1995. After resigning his House and Speaker posts in 1999, he continued his career as a political analyst and consultant until his announcement to run for candidacy in the 2012 presidential elections.

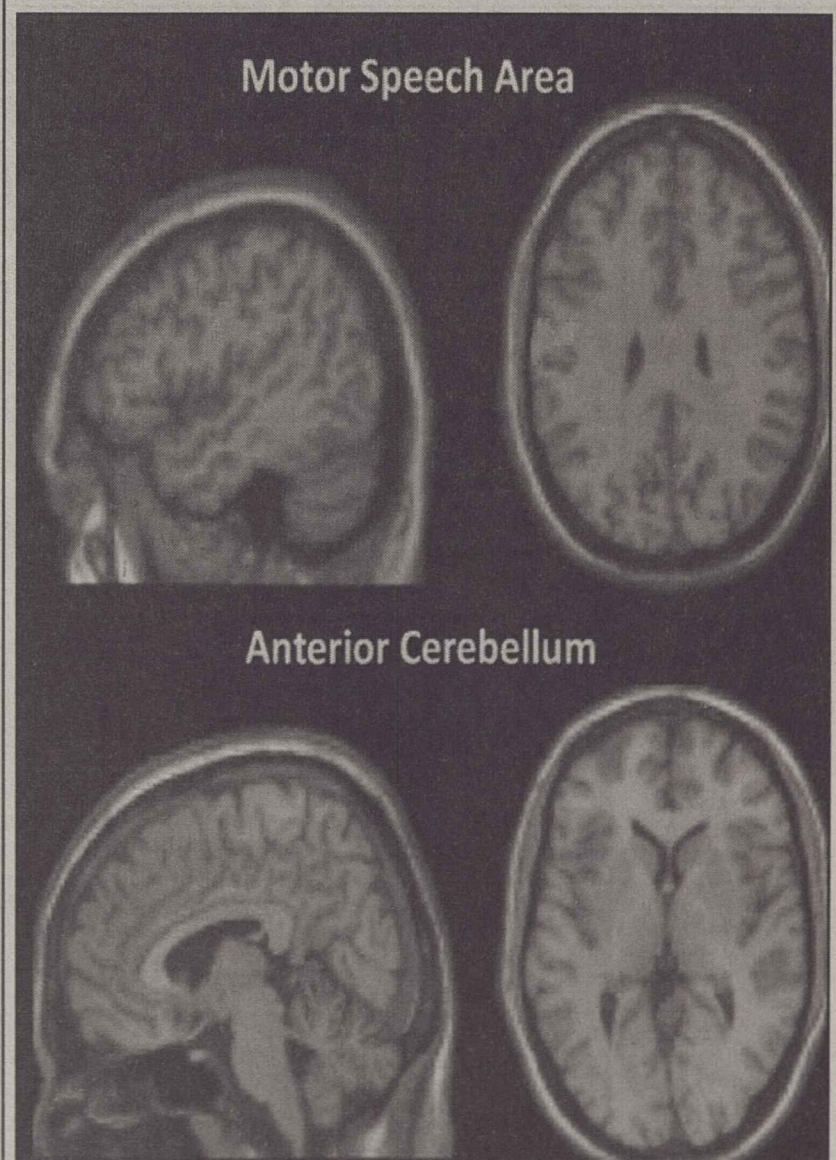
Gingrich is most criticized for his lack of support on issues such as abortion, stem cell research, same sex marriages and rights, and governmental involvement in health care. He is most praised for his issue platforms to reform healthcare without Obamacare, creating new jobs, and implementing an energy plan. The largest platform for the candidate hopefuls, however, is the platform concerning economic policy.

Gingrich's economic policy

plan is located within his overall campaign plan, which is termed the 21st Century Contract with America. It is a plan including four main components and will be taking constructive criticism and intuitive ideas given by the American public into consideration to aid in shaping this plan over the next year.

According to Gingrich, "In an age where massive pieces of legislation are written in secret and passed before anyone has time to understand their contents, it is my hope that this open process of developing the 21st Century Contract with America will help restore the bonds of trust between the American people and their elected representatives."

Stay tuned next week, as we will review the last and final candidate of this mini-series spotlighting the Republican candidate hopefuls, Herman Cain.

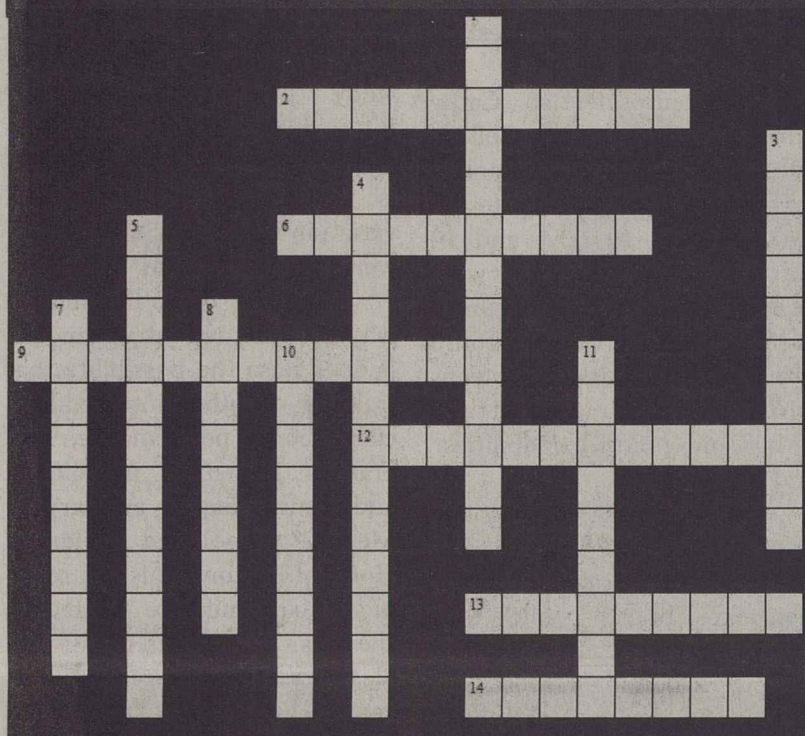


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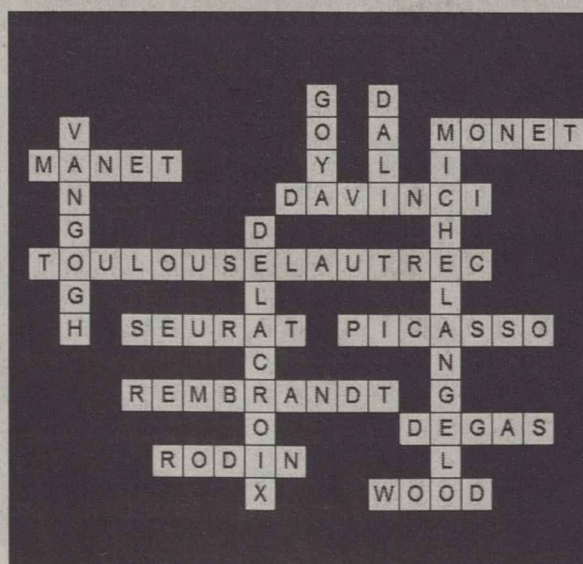
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Contradictions

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I am matte black,
and the purest of all whites.

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I am life,
and I am Death.

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I am the Earth,
and I'm the air.
I have horns and a halo.

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I am a rose,
yet I am the thorns.
I am all colors
and the absence of them
I live where the sun and the moon
meet in the sky

Who am I?

by Erika Lunsford

Want to contribute one of
your works to literary corner?

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Horoscopes

Aries- You feel the breeze drifting through your pants and you will soon begin to realize jeggings weren't the best choice. When it comes to fashion this week, try to remain as neutral as possible. Sparkly things are not in your favor this week. Stick with classic denim and gray.

Taurus- The cold weather inspires you to create something new. Something fresh. Perhaps organize your room and make a nice photo collage of your favorite kittens or boy bands. The world is your oyster. Create what you can and take what you can't. Anything is possible this week, and soak it up because it won't last long.

Gemini- You have a guardian watching over you this week. Expect to be particularly clumsy. Watch out for slippery floors and banana peels. You can never be too careful this week. Stay away from fleece or any other material that has the potential to be itchy.

Cancer- This week your emotions are out of control. You're high then you're low. Happy then sad. You know the drill. Stick to your meds

and your happy place and you should get through this week somewhat intact. Luckily your significant other is aware of your instability and will give you a shoulder to lean on.

Leo- Like all lions, you are strong and proud this week. You will be the bearer of everyone's burdens including your own. But you take it like a true lion and no one seems to notice. Use this week to blow off some pent of aggression and play an extreme game of tennis or chess. Eventually your worries will subside and your hard exterior will match your true emotions.

Virgo- Philanthropy around campus is what's expected of you this week. Take time to walk a crippled student to their dorm, or simply pick up a piece of trash on the sidewalk. Don't be misled by those who try to tempt you into doing anything self-centered things, this week is about the people.

Libra- Your musical skills this week are simply marvelous. Pick up any instrument and you'll

Hadley Million

seem like a prodigy. Serenade your significant other with a sweet melody from the heart and expect an enormous positive outcome.

Scorpio- Sizzling describes your week. Your tests are going great, in classes you are radiating energy and innovative thought. Stay in touch with your inner nerd and you will continue to bring down campus with your enormous brain.

Sagittarius- You have a strange craving for popcorn. Go with that whim and eat to your hurts desire. Your brain power burns off the extra calories.

Capricorn- Your looks are especially flashy this week. Everyone will notice. Add that extra tint of eye shadow and expect great things from the opposite sex, or even the same sex. Either way, they will notice.

Aquarius- Your week seems perilous. Try to steer clear of sidewalks and the hallways.

Pisces- Pick a plan and stick to it. You can accomplish it all.



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News Editor

Courtesy of Wilborn Nobles III

As some citizens visited Shreveport's voting polls on Saturday the 22nd, others traveled to the Louisiana Boardwalk to participate in the 22nd Annual Walk to End Alzheimer's. This year, the Centenary Neuroscience Society joined the event in order to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support, and research.

"I felt it was important that CNS participate in the Walk because we are an interest group for the brain," said CNS President Nicki Escott, "and it was important for us to be a part of something we learn about that affects so many people."

Known as the largest non-profit organization in Alzheimer's research, The Alzheimer's Association organizes this walk every year in various states. Alzheimer's, the disease which creates serious lapses in memory, affects an estimate total of 5.4 million people nationwide.

Participants received a colored flower that categorized their relationship to Alzheimer's:

Yellow for those supportive of Alzheimer's patients, blue for those affected by Alzheimer's, and purple for those who lost a loved one to Alzheimer's.

The atmosphere was very pleasant as crowds danced to "Cupid Shuffle" provided by DJ Karaoke from Mike's Light. During the announcements, sponsors were acknowledged and awards were given to groups that donated the most.

"So far, this year's walk has raised \$42,000," said Dr. Greg Butcher, "and that's from everyone that's participated in Shreveport."

To some people this walk may seem like an occasional event, but particular individuals

felt this was something of a priority to them. For Debra Hayes, a volunteer of the Association, this walk is very important to her. Hayes lost her aunt to Alzheimer's and is currently caring for her father who is affected as well. Hayes says these events have "given me hope for my dad," and many others that are enduring this disease.

The Association had Joe Miot, a man affected with Alzheimer's, share his thoughts with the crowd present. Miot advised participants to "get a person like this to get tested" if they felt the individual was at risk.

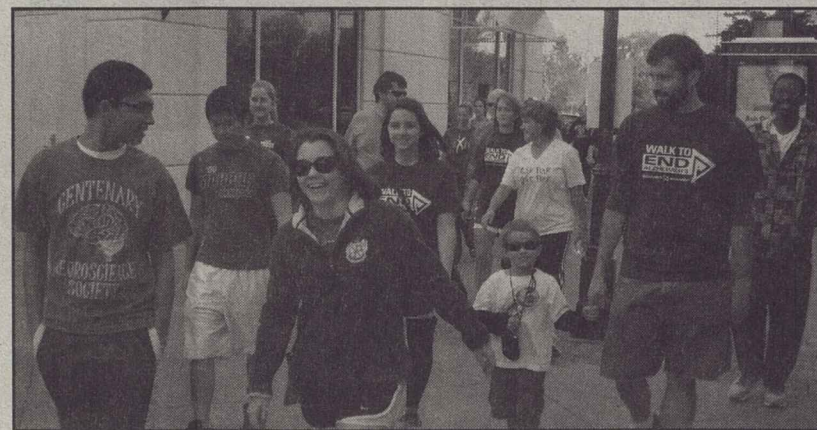
Before the walk around the

boardwalk began, the crowd of 400 participants raised their flowers in the air to honor those affected and then gave their flowers to the Association. Among the crowd of participants, junior student Ashley Twyman raised a purple flower in honor of her grandfather. Twyman's grandfather passed away during her sophomore year of high school, and recalls how his disease was difficult on her.

"He remembered me and my older brother," said Twyman, "but he had a hard time remembering my other siblings."

Twyman says she is happy to have participated in the walk and was surprised to see the number of grandchildren present. She plans to attend the next walk that arrives in Shreveport and is interested to see what will become of this event in the decades to come.

At the end of the walk, Twyman and the rest of the CNS found their flowers in a field among the flowers of the other participants. While many have lost their relatives to this disease, events like these seem to bring hope for the future.



Courtesy of Wilborn Nobles III

ZTA to host "Pink Bean" coffee house

Julia Puac
Website Manager

Feeling the excitement from homecoming approaching, the ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha (ZTA) are getting ready to promote their philanthropy: raising breast cancer awareness and promoting education toward this issue.

Last year, ZTA held a "Think Pink" carnival in order to get students involved and help spread information about their philanthropy. This year, they will be hosting a "Pink Bean" coffee house, a great event that involves live performances as well as coffee and desserts to enjoy. ZTA decided to combine both the coffee house event and the regular "Think Pink" carnival this year.

They are adding activities

such as henna (a station with new ZTA freshmen Laura Dean), canvas painting (which will require a cash payment), and making bracelets and key chains. Along with these activities, live performances will be by ZTA's Sarah Patronella, Chelsi Hefner, and Marci Ratcliff, who will be accompanied by junior student Crystal Birdsong, a member of Sigma Alpha Iota. Non-member

performers will be Colton Blount and Brooke.

"So if you like great music, relaxation, and having fun with friends, it's the perfect place to be!" said Patronella.

The coffee house will be Friday, November 4th from 8-10pm in Kilpatrick Auditorium.

"We thought that a night activity would gain more

attendance than a day event because we have lost a lot of attendance to athletes being gone in the past," said senior student Sara Wilkes, ZTA's Vice President.

There will be a \$5 admission for students and \$7 for non-students. To get a ticket see a member of Zeta Tau Alpha, or pay for your ticket at the door.

"During this time we also collect Yoplait's pink lids by use of friendly competition between classes, so bring them to coffee house in addition to wearing a pink shirt! It's going to be a fun evening; we hope to see everyone there!" said Patronella.

ZTA will also have a "Pink Out the Campus" event on Friday, November 4th in honor of Breast Cancer awareness month.



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Letter from the Editor: “Hyped for Homecoming!”

Ashley Lynch
Editor in Chief

Centenarians,

Homecoming ... in the fall? This is a change that I support.

The wacky spring tradition is one that I never fully understood. It seems that the general rumor around campus is that Centenary celebrates this event in the spring to support our basketball team, due to the lack of a football team on campus.

It's not at all uncommon to support one's basketball team through homecoming (several schools do this), but, since our team begins playing in the fall, wouldn't it make sense to still have a fall event? I could be missing the mark entirely on this point, but Fall seems like the better option--and a chance to get the team pumped up with alumni and student support at the beginning of the season.

Even if it means that we won't have another opportunity for “Snow-comings,” this positive, new fall tradition will allow us

to get together and welcome the alumni back to campus closer to the actual start of the school year. This could mean additional support for organizations that would like to glean a few tips and tricks from their alumni about solving any issues that they're running in to--a definite plus.

Let no one say that this year's homecoming isn't positively spirited. I've seen more posters, banners, and reminders about this year's event than I ever had in my three years prior. Everyone who's in charge of setting up for the event this year has been especially pumped about it, which, honestly, helps the rest of us feel pumped about it, too.

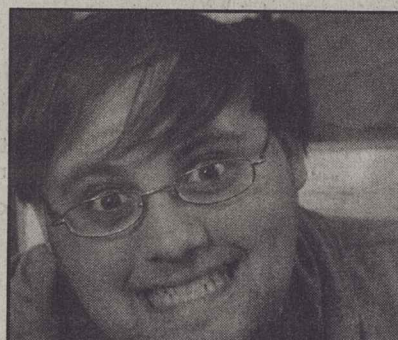
So, get your spirit on, Centenary. Toss those Maroon & White shirts in the wash and have them ready for the week to come. Strong spirit has a tendency to bring a school together, despite the trials and tribulations it may be tested by--and, honestly, it's a dose of medicine that we could certainly take advantage of.

Question of the Week

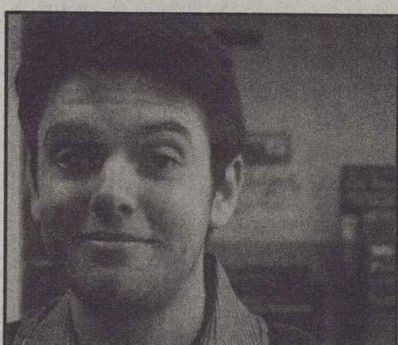
Tricks or Treats?



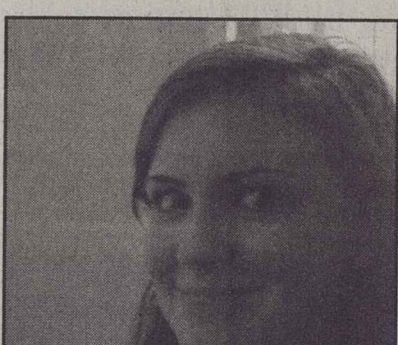
Treats
Charles Madden, Junior



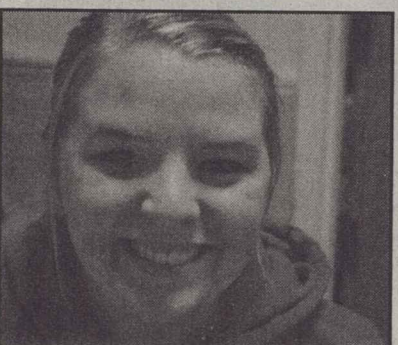
I m a trick.
Daniel Proveaux, Junior



That s dirty
David Burch, Junior



I m a treat.
Hadley Million, Junior



Treats
Kaitlyn Squires,
Sophomore



You have treats!?
Winston Wood, Freshman

ALAN'S HOT TUB
presents ...

GAME NIGHT!

Monday, Oct 31st
@8:30 pm

in the SUB!

Swimwear: Optional.

UPs & DOWNS

Cafeteria Late Night Event

What? The Caf is giving us what we want?!!?

Up Til Dawn

Yay for writing letters to save lives!

Module Time!

Time to make those decisions for your module trips!

Cappuccino Machine

Womp Womp Womp

Too Many Programs

We're all overwhelmed

Halloween on Monday

No fun...

Fitness Center Classes

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7:00 am	-	-	Yoga	-
7:15 am	-	Total Body	-	Total Body
11:15 am	-	ABS	-	ABS
Noon	Pilates	Yoga	Pilates	Yoga
4:35 pm	-	-	-	-
5:00 pm	-	-	Boot Camp	-
5:30 pm	-	Cycling	-	Turbo Kick
6:00 pm	Zumba	-	Zumba	-

Fall Hours

Mon-Thu: 6am - 10pm
Fri: 6am - 6pm
Sat: Noon - 6pm
Sun: 2pm - 6pm

Pool Hours

Mon-Fri: 11am - 2pm
Mon Night: 8pm - 10pm
Wed Night: 6pm - 10pm
Sat & Sun: 2pm - 6pm

NEWS

Staff Spotlight: Nicole Munoz-Vern



Christian Roberson
Staff Writer

Nicole Munoz-Vern, Assistant Director for Intercultural Engagement, is a new member of the staff at Centenary who will be vital for most students to meet. Munoz-Vern works as the liaison for international students and she assists Centenary

students with study abroad programs, culture credits, and modules.

Munoz-Vern is Leadership Development major from Texas A&M. She then worked as admissions counselor for 49,000 students at Texas A&M. She then went on to work as the program coordinator for Outreach, which promotes higher

education among lower income families and first generation college students. Munoz-Vern preferred this job because with Texas A&M she was "just trying to recruit students to come to my school, but [the job at Outreach] was helping the community."

So far, Munoz-Vern likes Centenary because of how friendly the environment is and everyone at the college is close-knit. "People at Centenary are very genuine," she said, "and the transition to maroon from Texas A&M was not a difficult one."

Any student who is considering going on a module or engaging in a study abroad office should schedule a meeting with her. She can help connect anyone with many of the programs available across the world or here in Shreveport. Pre-module registrations are currently happening.

Munoz-Vern hopes that students will get "the opportunity to get students to see and experience something past Louisiana... hopefully help mold the rest of their life and change the lens through which they view things."

Nicole Munoz-Vern is an easy person to work with for anyone interested in filling their TREK credits. The Office of Intercultural Engagement is looking forward to a great year!

Career Corner: Buzz Words to Avoid in Your LinkedIn Profile and on your Resume



Chaerli Faught
Staff Writer

What is LinkedIn? LinkedIn is a business related social networking site and if you're like the majority of LinkedIn users, the words "motivated," "team player," and "innovative" probably appear in your profile.

These are some of the most used words by LinkedIn's 85 million users. According to LinkedIn's chief data scientist, "these terms are so overused and general they may have lost their impact." LinkedIn's analytics team drew up a list of 40 common professional buzzwords and then ranked them in order of frequency on member profiles.

"These are empty words," said Nicole Williams, a career coach and author of *Earn What You're Worth*. "They're not words that quantify any type of results. If you have extensive experience, who cares? Everyone has extensive experience."

Here are some examples of words that Williams recommends that you remove from both your LinkedIn profile and your resume: 1. Extensive experience, 2. Innovative, 3. Motivated,

4. Results-oriented, 5. Dynamic, 6. Proven track record, 7. Team player, 8. Fast paced, 9. Problem solver, and 10. Entrepreneurial.

So, how do you describe yourself with adjectives that detail positive aspects of yourself without using some of these worn-out, ineffective terms? For example, instead of writing "extensive experience" write that you have "twenty years' experience working with ultra high net worth clients." Or highlight your restructuring experience by listing deals you've worked on and what you specifically did to engineer them.

Aside from the top-ten most used terms on LinkedIn, there are dozens of clichés to stay away from.

Here are some examples: 1. Best in Breed, 2. Best-in-Class, 3. Client Focused, 4. Out-of-the-Box, 5. Problem Solver, 6. Works well under pressure, 7. Trustworthy, 8. Works well with others, 9. Quick Learner, 10. Strong Work Ethic, 11. Quality Driven, 12. Innovative, 13. Seasoned Professional, 14. Perfectionist, 15. Strategic Thinker, 16. Results orientated 17. Self starter

New Classes offered for the Spring

Steven Finley
Sports Editor

As the semester progresses and class work continues the question of what classes will one take in the spring semester starts to arise. In the very near future students will begin meeting with their advisers to plan out what they want and need to take in order to graduate on time and with the degree they desire.

This coming spring, Centenary will be offering a few brand new courses. A majority of these new classes come from the Religious Studies Department, courtesy of Dr. Anne Blazer who was recently hired here as a new religious studies professor. These new classes include: Religion and Sports, Religion on the Internet, and Islam in the Contemporary World.

The Religion and Sports class will explore the relationship between sports and religion within multiple religious traditions, while the Religion on the Internet class will explore how technology affects understandings of community and identity within a religious context.

The Religious Studies Department won't be the only one that will offer new courses. The Philosophy Department will be offering a course on Atheism un-

der the selected topics section of their course list and the History Department will be offering a class called Terrorism in the Modern West in their department. The Biology is also offering a new course in Bioethics to be taught as an interdisciplinary course with Philosophy.

Talking to several students revealed some great interest in the new upcoming classes.

"The idea of having a class discuss terrorism piques my in-

terest," said junior student, Adam Littleton.

"Sports and Religion? That sounds like it could be fun," said sophomore student, Jessica Parker.

The new course selection this coming spring semester is really diverse and brings to the table classes that Centenary has never offered until now, as well as courses that have been a staple to Centenary's catalogue for years.



Centenary Professional Development

FRIDAY LUNCH SERIES

Grab your lunch in the Caf and come join us for "Friday Lunch Series" chats on different career coaching topics!

All are at 12:00 noon in the Centenary Room, adjacent to the Caf.

Fall 2011 Topics:

Friday, September 1

"Choosing Majors & Careers"

Perfect for those who may be confused about their major or career and want some direction on how to discern your options!

Friday, September 16

"Resumes/CVs & Cover Letters"

Learn the basics how to construct a resume, CV or cover letter OR bring yours by for a quick review!

Friday, October 7

"Applying to Graduate or Professional School"

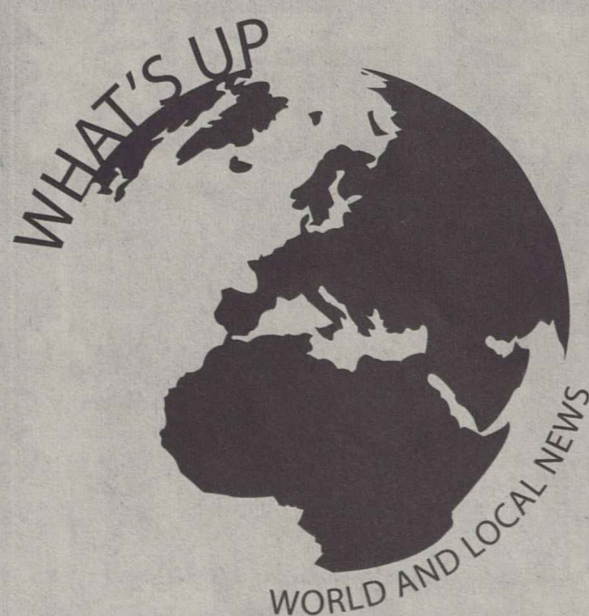
Find out what it takes to apply and get into graduate or professional school!

Friday, November 11

"Personal Statements"

A continuation of the October topic...get more in-depth with what personal statements entail. If you have a draft, bring it for a review!

For more information, contact Elizabeth Everett, Assistant Director for Professional Development at 869-5042 or everett@centenary.edu.



Muammar Gaddafi

Muammar Gaddafi, leader of Libya for 42 years from 1969 to 2011, died on 20 October 2011 during the 2011 Libyan civil war. Video footage of his capture and death was released and shown by several news stations.



Yemeni Women

In a protest against Ali Abdullah Saleh's, President of Yemen, brutal enforcement against anti-government protests, thousands of Yemeni women defiantly burned their traditional veils.



Thailand Floods

Beginning in late July and continuing for over two months, the floods have caused 307 reported deaths, over 2.3 million people affected, with estimated damages of up to 156.7 billion baht (\$1.1 billion USD) as of 18 October.

A&E

It's Your Turn to be the Victim



Jordan Pope
Staff Writer

"Take this lollipop...I dare you", says the homepage of the newest irresistible internet and Facebook experience, takethislollipop.com. Next thing you know, your slightly innocent decision to do so throws you

personal Facebook information into several scenes involving a man who could easily be your worst nightmare and his not so innocent viewing of your photos, your friends, what your saying, and yes, even where you live.

And by "not so innocent," I mean with a very malicious intent not to be your next

random friendly friend request from a long lost acquaintance. Congratulations, he now has the directions to your house and you are now the victim of a horror film.

The worst part about the sequence is that every single bit is believable. Truly, this guy is the one you always feared would find you; he is the reason you've set

your profile to the highest level of privacy, and in the dark, ominous scenes of takethislollipop.com, he can see everything you've always wanted to hide.

He's got an unmistakable creepiness about him, from the pool of day-old sweat and grime on his face, to his unnerving caressing of the plastic mouse,

to the devilish look he gives you when he turns to the camera and smiles his best "American Psycho". All placed inside a cold, empty room fit for any installation of the "Saw" series set to an equally ominous soundtrack.

Thankfully, this wild ride through a Facebook horror movie is simply the brainchild of the very talented music video director, Jason Zada. He has also assured the now fearful internet that he created this little bit of crazy fun solely for entertainment; he had the idea and wanted it to see the light of day. As an added form of reassurance, Zada has also stated that the website does not retain or use any of your personal information.

Even with all of these revealing facts behind the menacing website, speculation about hidden purposes still finds its way to the surface. Have no doubt, however, that it will not fail to leave you nervously wondering whether or not mister crazy is on his way to bash down your front door and make you sorry that you clicked the "approve" button for your own torture...right before he asks you, "take this lollipop...I dare you."

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KCSL TOP 20 Albums

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| 1. The Rapture-In The Grace Of Your Love | sions |
| 2. Buxton-Nothing Here Seems Strange | 12. Clap Your Hands Say Yeah-Hysterical |
| 3. De Staat-Machinery | 13. Painted Palms-Canopy EP |
| 4. The Decemberists-Long Live the King | 14. Toro Y Moi-Freaking Out EP |
| 5. Gauntlet Hair-Gauntlet Hair | 15. Death Letters-Post-Historic |
| 6. FUN.-We Are Young | 16. Ryan Adams-Ashes And Fire |
| 7. Guineafowl-Anxiety EP | 17. Gary Clarke Jr.-Bright Lights EP |
| 8. TAMMAR-Visits | 18. The Step Kids-The Step Kids |
| 9. Youth Lagoon-Youth Lagoon | 19. Ben Folds-The Best Imitation of Myself |
| 10. M83-Hurry Up, We're Dreaming | 20. Coldplay-Mylo Xyloto |
| 11. The Beach Boys-Smile Ses- | |

TECH NEWS: WireDoo and iPod

Nathan Yacovissi
Photographer

It's Hammer Time! For Searching?

If you are looking for a new search engine to look up your latest inquiries whether for class, knowledge, fun, or just for correct spelling, then Google, Bing, and Yahoo should look out, because MC Hammer is developing his own that he hopes to be "too legit to quit." They can't touch this, or so it appears based on the limited details that the venerable rapper has released.

What is known is that the project is known as "WireDoo," and has been in the process of developing for two years now. MC Hammer (real name Stanley Burrell) unveiled this engine about a week ago at the Web 2.0 summit in San Francisco. According to Mashable, a

CNN.com content partner, MC Hammer comments, "It's about relationships beyond just the keywords." Apparently the difference in this search tool will be its "deep search" ability.

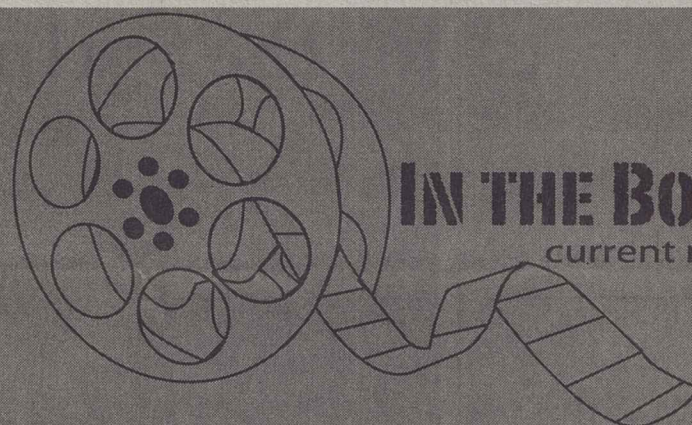
The former rapper, now an entrepreneur, says a search on this tool won't just render direct results, but also information on possibly related topics. This is referred to as "Search once and see what's related." Most details on the product are unknown, but it is its alpha stage. People can go to the home website and begin signing up to test WireDoo once a beta is released.

iPod celebrates a Decade Anniversary

It seems like iPods have been around for a long time. However, it's hard to believe that it's been ten years since the first iPod was unveiled. Even though it was a bit bulky and did not have a

fancy sleek touch interface, the iPod has managed to completely change the music industry and how we all listen to music. Featuring a simple interface and iconic style, the original iPods began the move away from CDs. Apple is known for many things, but the iPod will be credited for helping lead the company's second coming. Without the iPod, Apple would not have been able to bounce back from a very perilous financial situation in order to forge new paths in both hardware and software.

The iPod that has gone through several redesigns, evolving from scroll wheel to touchscreen, and ranging from 5 gigabytes to 160 gigabytes of storage. The small music player with white earbuds will always be remembered for the decade of changes it has made so far and will for the future.



IN THE BOX OFFICE

current releases at local theaters

In theaters this weekend:

Puss in Boots: An IMAX 3D Experience
In Time
Puss in Boots
Puss in Boots 3D
The Rum Diary
Johnny English Reborn
Paranormal Activity 3
The Three Musketeers
The Three Musketeers 3D
The Big Year
Footloose
The Thing
Real Steel
Courageous
The Dream House

Now Playing and
Coming Soon at The
Robinson Film Center:
Drive
Young Frankenstein

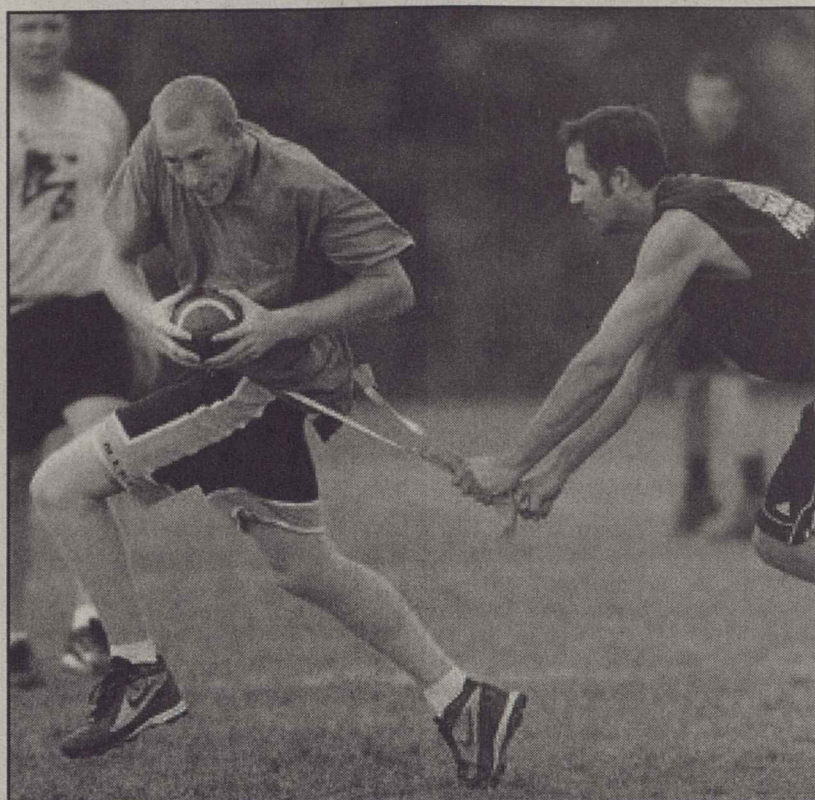
10th Annual
Chi Omega
Make-A-Wish
Auction

\$5 Admission
November 15
3:00-5:00 p.m.
Centenary College
Fitness Center

See a Chi Omega for tickets

SPORTS

Intramurals: And the Winner Is... Baseball and Zeta



Christian Prince
Staff Writer

As the 2011 flag football season has wrapped up Baseball and Zeta have prevailed as the top teams in the male and female leagues.

Tuesday, the first round of playoffs began with Wolfpack/TKE playing CHOR and KE playing Old School. Baseball and KA received a bye from the first round.

CHOR fought greatly against Wolfpack/TKE, almost pulling out their first win of the season, but late in the game Wolfpack/TKE found an inner strength that allowed them to defeat CHOR.

KE almost tamed Old School

with a tooth and nail battle that resulted in Old School winning by a hair.

Wolfpack/TKE and Old School advanced to the second round on Wednesday night where Wolfpack/TKE faced KA and Old School was paired up against Baseball.

In the Wolfpack/TKE vs. KA game Wolfpack/TKE came out on top in a surprising turn of events because KA has dominated all season with their only losses coming in the form of a forfeit and loss to baseball. They were set contenders for this year's title. A pat on the back is given to Wolfpack/TKE for achieving this victory.

Old School's season ended

with a forfeit, which allowed Baseball to smoothly sail into the championship game. This was the only game Baseball had to attend during playoff week.

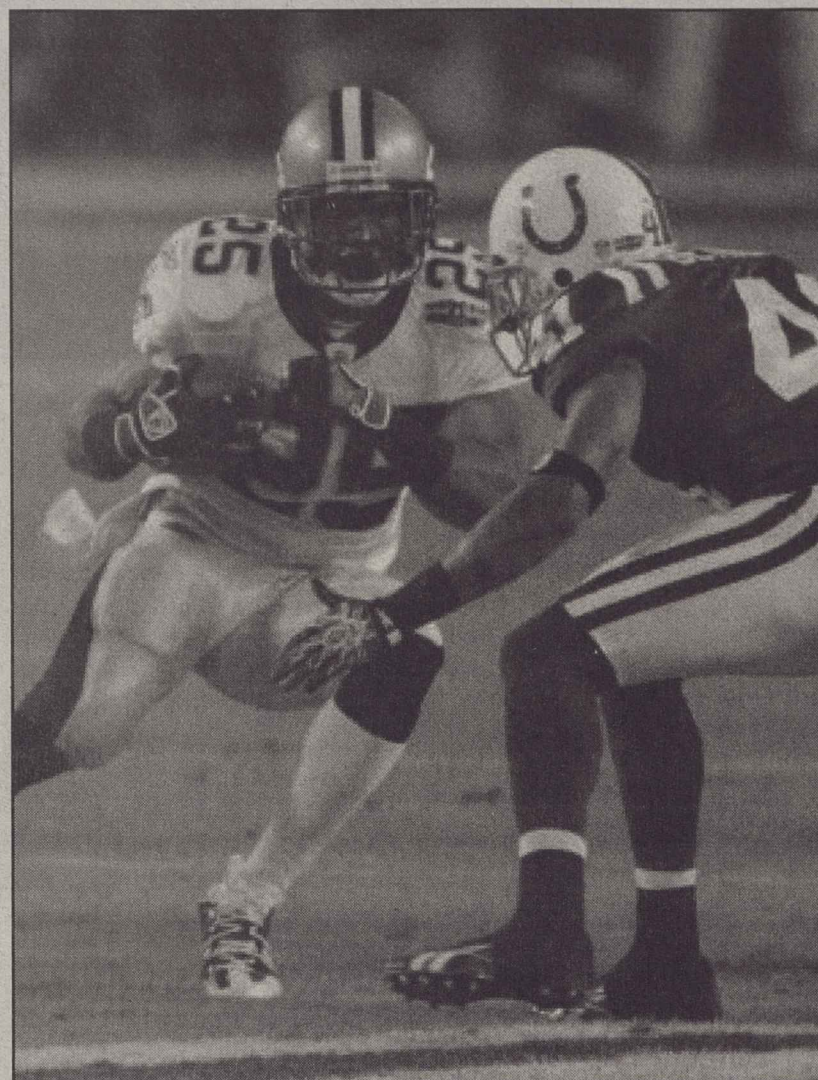
During the championship game on Thursday night, Wolfpack/TKE hardly provided competition for Baseball. Baseball scored three touchdowns before Wolfpack/TKE was able to answer with a one. This set the tone for the rest of the game with Baseball scoring 4 more times and Wolfpack/TKE only scoring a couple more times. Baseball emerged victorious.

The women's championship game was held Wednesday night between the semi-finals of the men's league. Zeta popped out with a quick two touchdown lead, but Chi-O fought back hard, managing to score three touchdowns, but missed all extra point attempts. Zeta scored another touchdown and also received two extra points to propel them to a 20-18 win over Chi-O.

Final records for the 2011 flag football season are as follows:

Chi-O 2-3
Zeta 3-2
Baseball 6-1-0
Wolfpack/TKE 6-1-3
KA 6-2
Old School 5-4
KE 1-7
CHOR 0-7

NFL UPDATE: Week 7



Nathan Yacovissi
Photographer

Plenty of surprises happened last weekend in the NFL. Leading the way was QB Tim Tebow for the Denver Broncos in a comeback win. They prevailed over the Miami Dolphins 18-15. Another close game was the Cleveland Browns reaching .500 with a 6-3 win over the Seattle Seahawks in a great defensive battle although it was probably not the best offensive performance.

The biggest rival game of the week was the undefeated Green Bay Packers and the Minnesota Vikings who have had better seasons. The Vikings made a game out of it and gave Green Bay a scare. However, the Packers remained undefeated and escaped with a road win, 33-27. The Atlanta Falcons put a damper on the Detroit Lions, handing them their 2nd loss in a row and on the season. The final score in this one was 23-16. Other close games this weekend included the Chicago Bears 24-18 over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the New York Jets over the San Diego Chargers 27-21.

It was clearly the week of the blowouts, but a lot of these games

weren't really expected to be. The Washington Redskins continue to fall after a hot start, losing to the Carolina Panthers 33-20 on the road. The Houston Texans claimed the top of their division in a convincing 41-7 rout in Tennessee over the Titans.

On the other side of the conference, the Indianapolis Colts continued a dismal season remaining without a win at 0-7. They played in New Orleans and were greeted with a hot offense and fell 62-7 to a Saints team that bounced back from last week. The Dallas Cowboys took care of business at home and routed the St. Louis Rams 34-7.

One of the bigger surprises was the Kansas City Chiefs blowing out the Oakland Raiders in a 28-0 shutout. Oakland QBs Kyle Boller and recently acquired Carson Palmer faced speculation all week about who would start, but both ended up throwing 3 interceptions each.

The Baltimore Ravens and Jacksonville Jaguars played Monday Night. It was not the prettiest week game wise, but there were plenty of fun match-ups to watch and it was interesting to see some of the underdogs have good weeks.

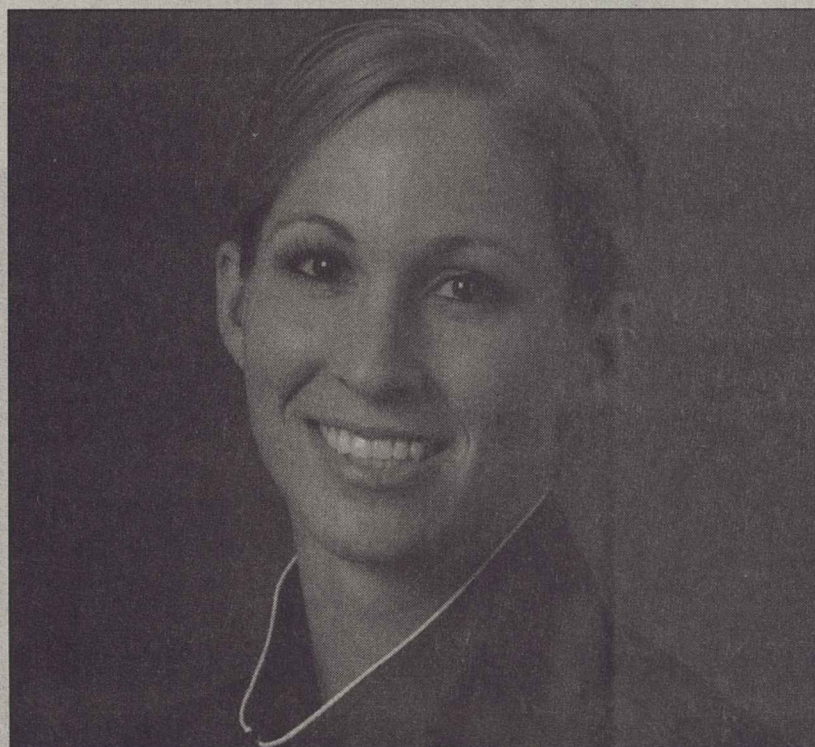
Athlete of the Week: Cassandra Cloutet

Steven Finley
Sports Editor

Cassandra Cloutet
Sport: Women's Swimming
Classification: Senior
Position: middle distance/fly
Hometown: Slidell, La.
Major: Health & Exercise Science
Favorite Color: blue
Favorite Sports Team: Saints
Favorite Restaurant: Anywhere Italian!
Favorite Musical Artist: Jack Johnson
Favorite TV Show: family guy
Favorite Movie: Finding Nemo!
Hobbies: going fishing and crabbing at home, being on the lake, and the beach!

What do you plan on doing after graduation: physical therapy school

People you look up to: my coaches, my parents and brothers
When did you start playing or getting involved in your sport and why: I joined my first team at 3 years old. I've always loved the water. I decided to get serious when I was watching my older brothers swim on a hot pool deck and wanted to get in too!



What goes through your head as you prepare for every game: Go as fast as possible so you can get out of the water with nothing left and knowing you couldn't have gone any faster

What is your most memorable moment in your career: I was one-hundredth of a second away from a Sectionals cut in the 200 fly and got really upset/frustrated about it. I'm not a distance swim-

mer but was entered in the mile afterwards. Originally nowhere near the cut, I took my frustration out on this race and ended up making my first sectional cut in the mile!

What is your least favorite thing about your sport and what is your most favorite: Least favorite = cold water in the mornings; most favorite = those random team bonding moments...like

watching Top 10 on ESPN after morning practices!

If you could sum up your life in one song what would it be: I like my beats fast and my bass down low!

What advice would you give younger athletes in your sport: For this sport, you have to be persistent. Don't get upset every time you have a bad race. Use it to learn from so you can get better. Also, be a team player.

Name three things you own that describe you: a swimsuit, saints attire, and more importantly, my red stapler...

What is your most over used word or phrase: Whoops...

High School academic accomplishments, rewards or honors societies: Valedictorian, National Honor Society

High School sports accomplishments, rewards, and placements: 3-year state champion and team MVP

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

October 28				October 29			
	Soccer Men's Oct. 28 Hendrix Invite at Conway, Ark. 4:00 p.m.		Swimming Women's Oct. 28 Hendrix Invite at Conway, Ark. 4:00 p.m.		Volleyball Oct. 28 Millsaps at Jackson, Miss. 1:30 p.m.		Volleyball Oct. 29 Loyola (New Orleans) at Jackson, Miss. 4:00 p.m.
			Volleyball Oct. 28 Belhaven at Jackson, Miss. 3:30 p.m.		Soccer Women's Oct. 29 Hendrix Relays at Conway, Ark. 12:00 p.m.		Soccer Men's Oct. 29 Univ. of the Ozarks at Clarksville, Ark. 3:00pm
					Cross Country Women's Oct. 29 ASC Championships at Seguin, Texas 8:00 a.m.		Soccer Men's Oct. 29 Hendrix Relays at Conway, Ark. 12:00 p.m.
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VIEWPOINTS

Is Pottermore Playing Us?

POTTERMORE

by J.K. Rowling

Amber Kovac
Staff Writer

In a new attempt to keep the magic alive, J.K. Rowling, author of the worldwide phenomenon the Harry Potter series, has started a new, free website that can be enjoyed in conjunction with the Harry Potter books called Pottermore—as in “more Potter.”

Pottermore will contain detailed illustrations for all seven of the books, give never-before-seen inside information straight from Rowling herself, and allow the reader to interact with important moments from the stories like the Sorting Hat ceremony. All new members to the site will be sorted into one of the four available houses—Gryffindor, Ravenclaw, Hufflepuff, or Slytherin—by the Sorting Hat itself. All you have to do is answer a few questions that were provided by J.K. and then you’re sorted.

To the utter dismay of some individuals, whatever the Hat says is final. If you are a Slytherin at heart and the Hat puts you in Hufflepuff, you just have to get over it or not participate. You will be able to earn house points and compete for the House

Cup by answering questions, brewing potions, and playing games. Though there are lots of fun and exciting things to do on the website, the main purpose is to allow the reader to read and enjoy the Harry Potter books in a fresh way.

For those wondering, Pottermore will not be another Facebook or Twitter where people can come and update their statuses about Harry Potter, and it will not be a role-playing game like World of Warcraft (though that could be pretty amazing if they wanted to head in that direction). It will simply be you and Harry together until the end.

Right now, the website is available in English, French, Spanish, German, and Italian. But never fear if you do not speak one of those languages, more languages will be added in the near future, like Japanese and Korean, so that everyone will be able to take pleasure in what J.K.R. has going on here. And the best part of it all is that this website is completely and entirely free to anyone who wants to join! Too good to be true you say? Go ahead and pinch yourself because this is your every dream becoming a reality! Well, almost

every dream. Pottermore has not actually opened yet.

When the launch of the website was announced, it was opened up to a select few—entitled Betas—who were allowed to explore and give feedback on it. Everyone else was told they would have to wait until the official opening at the end of October—end being the questionable part here. Maybe it is just an eager fan’s interpretation, but October 23 seems like the end of October.

What’s up, Pottermore? What is the plan here? Will you ever be open, or will you be ever just outside of our reach? It seems as if J.K. Rowling went home and picked up her fanbase fiddle and is playing us quite well.

Not giving an exact date keeps fans constantly on edge and continuously checking for updates on the website. Someone had it right with this idea, because no true fan will be satisfied until that day. But when that fateful day does arrive, there will be more celebrating than when He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named was vanquished.

Until then, stay strong Potterheads and we will make it through this together!

Political Right: Health Care

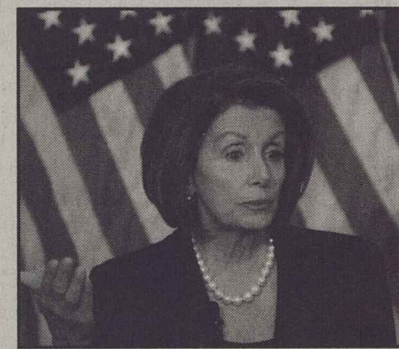
Andrea Violet
Business

There are two concepts in play with healthcare today.

The first of these points is playing out through the “Affordable Healthcare Act” or also known as “Obamacare.” This represents a big government-

“ We need to pass it to find out what is in it.

- Nancy Pelosi ”



controlled healthcare plan.

The second is the plan proposed by the Heritage Foundation, which would replace the current system with affordable choices among private, competing healthcare plans, much as federal employees have long enjoyed. This plan represents a free market concept. A choice will have to be

made between the two with the elections of 2012.

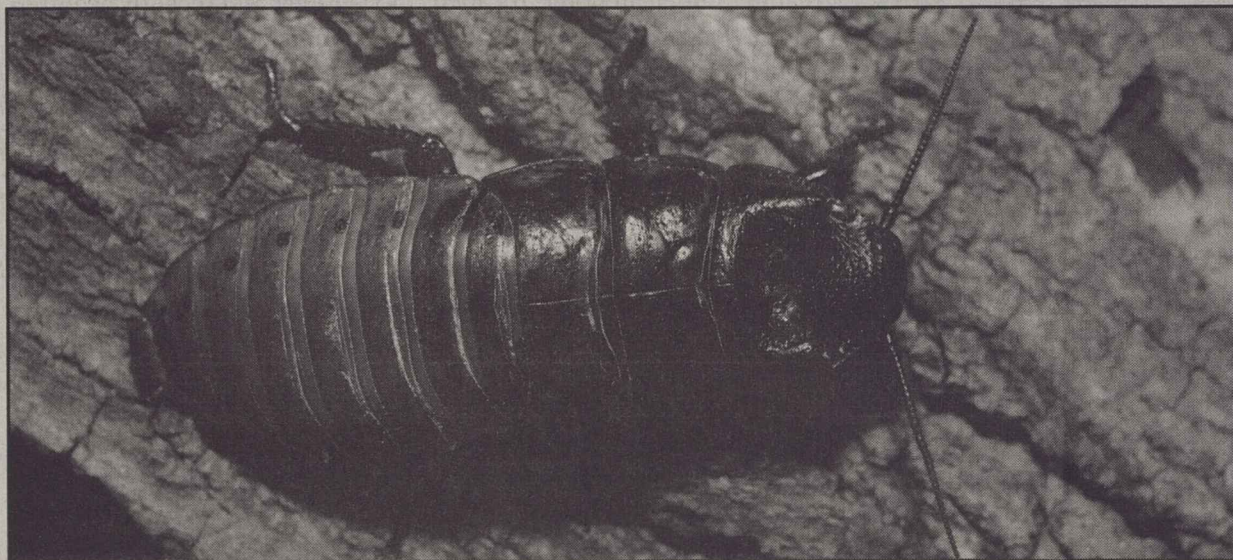
Obamacare has been under scrutiny since its passage in 2010. Twenty-six states have lawsuits pending against the “individual mandate” portion, which forces all citizens to purchase health care insurance. It will probably be heard by the Supreme Court next year. The class-act portion has been dropped by the Obama administration because it is already evident it will not pay for itself.

The long-term implications of the rest of the Obamacare plan are a mystery. The bill that was formed behind closed doors is 961 pages long, and admittedly not even read by most of the people who passed it.

The regulations to implement this bill are only now being written. To date there are 1,093 pages of additional regulations to implement the plan with many more to come. Nancy Pelosi’s comment, “We need to pass it to find out what is in it,” becomes more frightening by the page. Obamacare could add trillions to federal and state deficits.

A free market alternative will not happen unless conservatives take back control of the Congress and the presidency in the 2012 election. This would involve a total overhaul of the entitlement programs Medicare and Medicaid, since they are the drivers of the exploding healthcare costs. These programs have been shown to be unsustainable in their present forms. They will bankrupt both states and the federal government if not altered.

Centenary Mysteries: The Cockroach Files



Amber Kovac
Staff Writer

It’s late. You’re heading back to your dorm. You’re alone, or so you think. You hear noises—a light shuffling here and there—that are loud enough to disrupt the pattern of your footsteps on the concrete. You turn around. No one is behind you. You turn back around. No one is in front of you. Finally, you look at the ground and you see them. Hundreds of little critters scurrying around. You scream and run for your life. They run off in every direction; some even appear to follow you. What is this horrible creature that haunts Centenary campus at night? It’s the cockroaches! They’re everywhere, they’re everywhere! But why are they here? How do they continue to survive? Where are they hiding?

The Centenary cockroaches are most likely Periplaneta

americana, the American Cockroach. These nocturnal creatures prefer dark, damp, and warm environments. They continue to survive because they are very hardy insects that resist most attempts at elimination and will eat just about anything—including sugar, bookends, feces, and even each other—to survive.

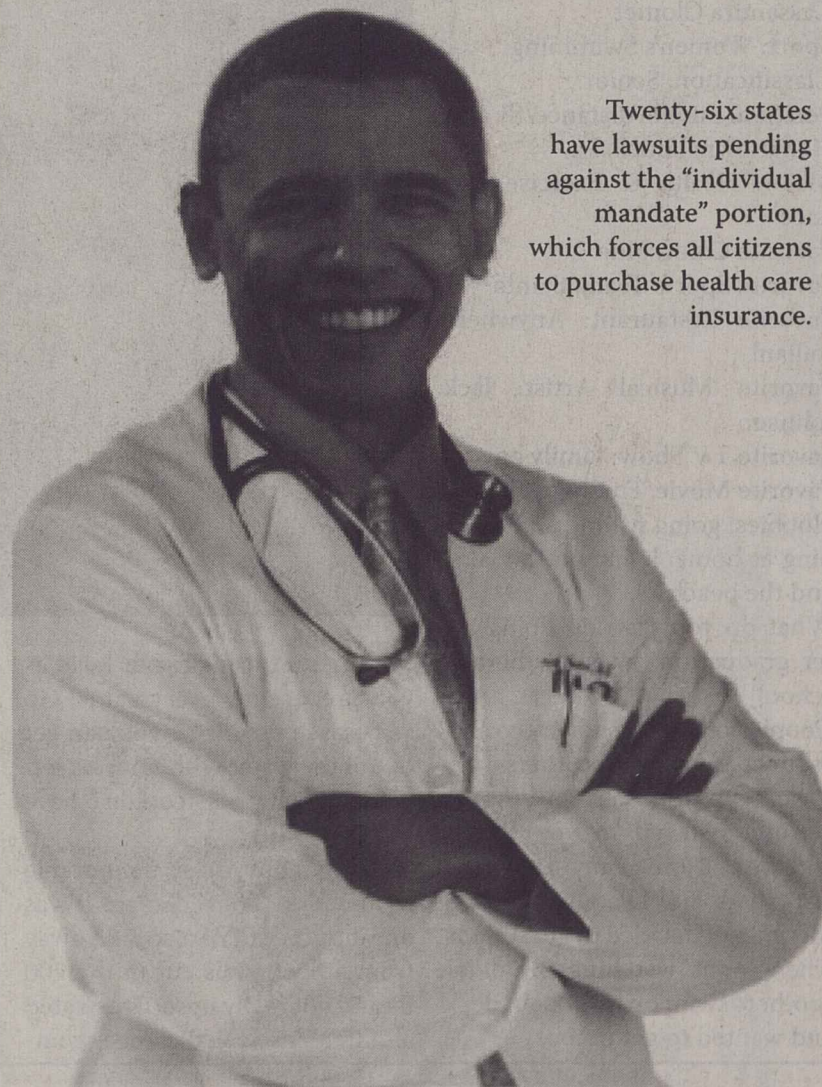
They can grow up to two inches in length and are actually the fastest insects on Earth. In an experiment carried out at the University of California, Berkeley in 1991, a Periplaneta americana registered a record speed of 3.4 mph, about 50 body lengths per second, which would be comparable to a human running at 210 mph.

They will live for about a year or more and can even survive for two weeks without a head! The cockroaches love the cracks and crevices and excess clutter from fallen pine needles and other foliage provides numerous

locations for them to conceal themselves.

They prefer warm temperatures around 84° F and do not tolerate cold temperatures. So these cockroaches will remain outside for now. But what happens when it gets colder outside?

Due to their large size and slow development, large infestations of these insects are not common within residential buildings. However, during certain times of the year, these cockroaches may move inside a house from outside. In cold weather these cockroaches may move indoors, seeking warmer temperatures and food. Cockroaches may enter houses through sewer connections, under doors, around plumbing, air ducts, or other openings in the foundation. However, cockroach populations may be controlled through the use of insecticides.



Twenty-six states have lawsuits pending against the “individual mandate” portion, which forces all citizens to purchase health care insurance.



VIEWPOINTS

Students displeased with Caf closing over break



Steven Finley
Sports Editor

Over Fall Break, students at Centenary got the chance to relax and take a breather from the countless loads of work that they have endured since the start of the semester. As with every break, some students went home while other remained on campus. There was something amiss,

however, that the students staying on campus were not pleased with. Over Fall Break, both the cafeteria and Randle's were closed.

Last year, the cafeteria stayed open during Fall Break, so this came as a shock to a lot of the students on campus that were planning on eating the meals they had already paid for on campus. They were hoping to eat

on campus and not worry about finding alternatives for food.

In an interview with LeRoy Taylor, Sodexho General Manager, it was discovered that Sodexho had very little to do with the decision to close during break. According to Taylor, every year the school gets with the main department of Sodexho and pays for a certain amount of cafeteria open days before the school year

begins.

The decision to close for Fall Break was made before the year apparently even began and was decided on by the college, not Sodexho. Centenary College, whether due to budget issues or other reasons, chose to have the Cafeteria closed for Fall Break.

Over Fall Break, several campus events took place and many students stayed on campus. One

would reason that it would be a good idea to open the cafeteria with this in mind.

Either way, the college chose not to keep the on-campus students fed. Hopefully in the future, the college will avoid this and just have the cafeteria remain open over a small break to accommodate the students staying on-campus.

Top Ten Halloween movies as voted on by students

Andrea Labor
Staff Writer

'Tis the season of candy, merriment... and horror. Halloween is upon us, breathing down our necks, and there are few ways to truly enjoy it... One such way being marathoning scary movies and then attempting to sleep.

Naturally, not just any movie will do. All selections have to be Halloween classics in honor of the holiday, or at least provide a decent supply of goosebumps. The top ten Centenary student recommendations include:

10. "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" (1970's slasher film involving unsuspecting teens and a horrifying family of cannibals)

9. "The Shining" (Adaptation of Steven King featuring a family of three, cabin fever, and "Here's Johnny!")

8. "Scream" (Deconstruction of slasher movies in which the characters attempt to survive by being genre savvy)

7. "Hocus Pocus" (Campy cult classic involving three witches who should not be in our

world and the stupid teenage boy who got them here)

6. "Paranormal Activity" (A young couple's house is haunted. The audience watches via said couple's attempts to film it)

5. "Saw" (Victims play a game. They have one hour, live or die.)

4. "Friday the 13th" (Slasher film involving a once lovable boy named Jason. The sequels refuse to let him stay dead, it seems.)

3. "Nightmare on Elm Street"

("One, two, Freddy's coming for you..." And most of the unfortunate teens appearing will die in their nightmares. Have fun.)

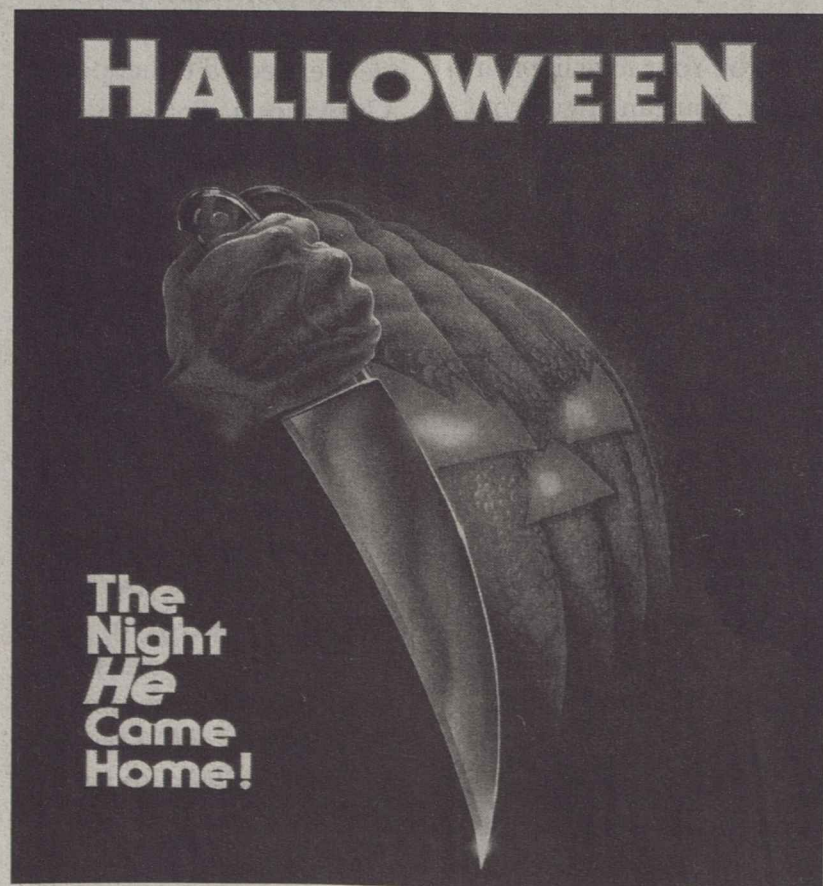
2. "Nightmare Before Christmas" (Jack Skellington is sick of Halloween and tries his hand at Christmas. Somewhere, the Grinch is taking notes.)

1. "Halloween" (A psychopath named Michael Myers carves a trail of slasher movies some ten films long. Most voted for the original.)

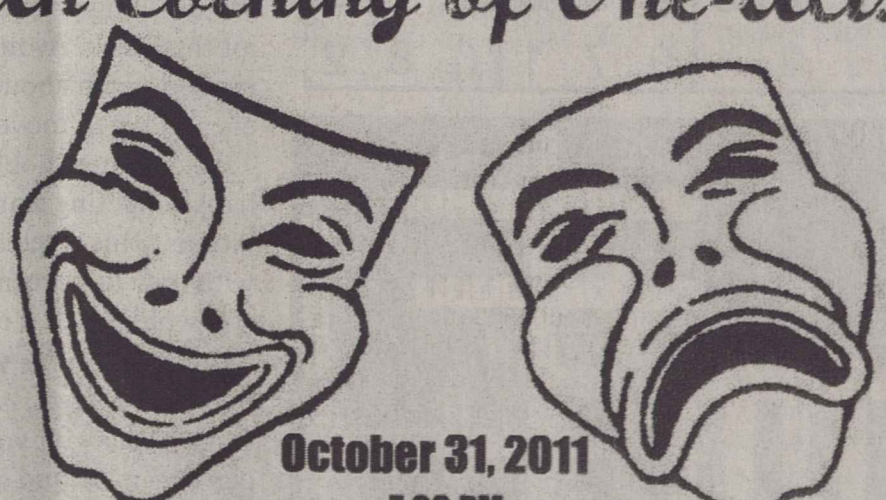
are not limited to: "Freddy vs. Jason," "Halloweentown," "Jeepers Creepers," "The Ring," "1408," "Bewitched," "Casper," "Dawn of the Dead," "Ghost Busters," "Nightmare," "Rocky Horror Picture Show," "Scary Movie," "Shaun of the Dead," "Silent Hill," "The Thing," "Trick or Treat," "28 Days Later," "The Brave Little Toaster," "Coraline," "The Exorcist," "Night of the Living Dead," "Scooby-Doo on Zombie Island," "Hot Fuzz," and "My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic."

Happy viewing to all, and to all a good fright... or else.

Other selections include but

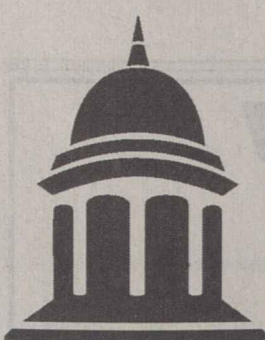


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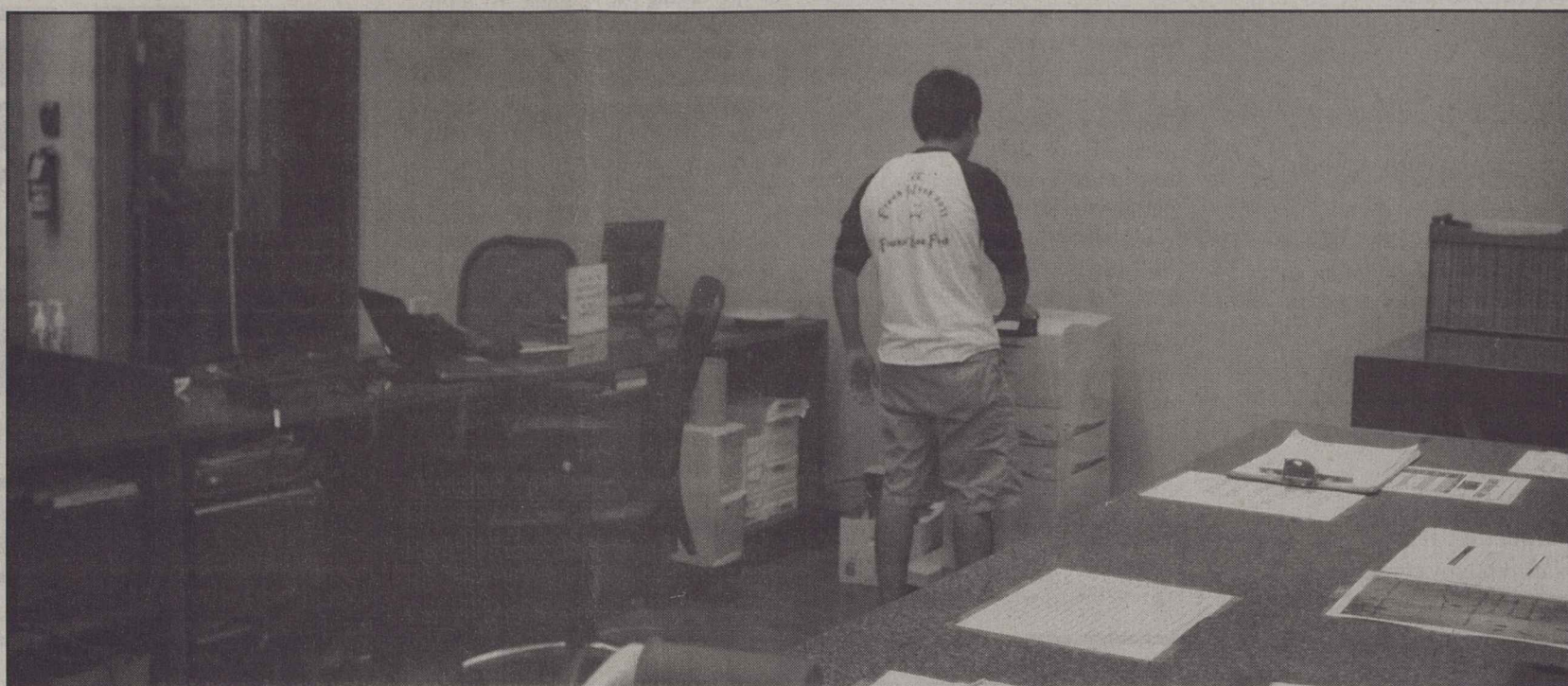
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Librarians at Magale Working the Best They Can



Courtesy of Steven Finley

Steven Finley
Sports Editor

Recently many students have been concerned about certain changes happening at Magale Library here at Centenary College of Louisiana. These changes include the printer being moved to behind the circulation desk as well as the

shortening of hours that have occurred due to staff illness and the short amount of time given to check out assigned readings and movies from Professors for classes.

While these are fair concerns to have, the Library Staff has provided reasonable reasons as to why these situations have transpired. They have not arbitrarily made these changes.

The printer being moved to behind the circulation desk, one of the biggest complaints made from students, has several good reasons behind it. One such reason is that it is a fairly old printer and the library wishes to protect it from being damaged as well as to prevent it from jamming. Every time the printer jams or breaks, a costly service call is made.

"Every time we call the repairman for the printer, there's a fee, whether you just un-jam it or not. Since the printer has been behind the circulation desk there have been no calls to the repairman," said the head of Circulation and Access Officer Sharon Chevalier.

To keep it protected is not the only reason though. In order to try and go green the Library Staff moved the printer behind

the circulation desk. "Another thing was to make it more green. Possibly render less paper usage with the printer" said Chevalier. The results have shown to be beneficial since the printer has been behind the circulation desk

"We are using less paper. That's good. Less paper, less toner, you know it's easier," said Chevalier, "We don't have to spend as much."

Then there is the issue of the library closing on Saturdays as well as the few times it has shut down early due to faculty illness. The reason behind the closures is a simple one. The library here is simply understaffed. "There is no staffing for Saturday at all. We don't have the staff" said Chevalier.

On days when the Night Librarian Robin Humphrey is really ill, or cannot make it in Sharon Chevalier stays for as long as she can in order to keep the library open for as long as possible. She could have chosen to shut it down at four in the afternoon, but instead she chooses to stay far longer than she was required so that the library could stay open a bit longer for the students to use even though it was not for the full listed time that the library

stays open.

This is all why the library has been doing what they have been doing. Good things have come to the library, however, and more good things are to come as well. The library now houses a far better staffed and equipped Student Resource Center for any student to use if they need help in almost every subject. The library is also trying to find a replacement to fill the Reference Librarian position that is currently vacant.

"I have somebody in mind. She will be awesome for you guys" said the Library Director Christy J. Wrenn.

The library is even looking to move over six hundred feet of archival records and rare books onto a new compact shelving system. This will take place on November 10 and will be from eleven in the morning until noon and one in the afternoon until four. They are looking for as many volunteers as possible.

While students have expressed their concerns, the library is doing the best they can to bring the best service possible to Centenary students. With such a minimal staff, they can only do so much to provide students with the best service possible.

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Head of Circulation

The Directing I Calls and An Evening of One-Acts

Daniel Proveaux
Staff Writer

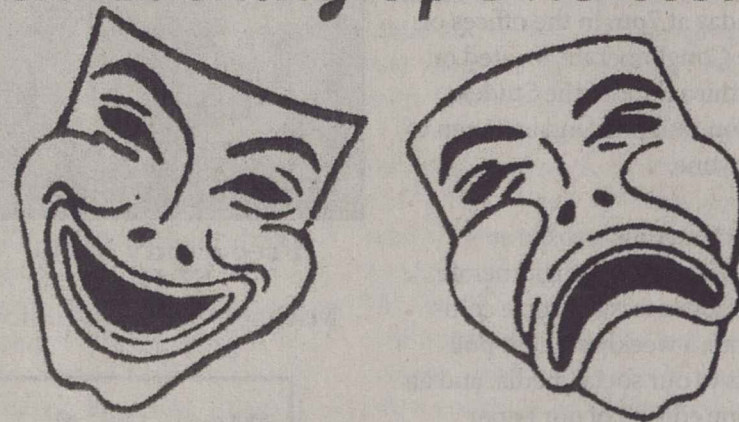
Each fall semester, junior and senior theater majors enroll in the Directing I class. The class teaches the students what it means to be a director for theater productions, as well as touching on a brief history of directing and offers the students hands-on experience for the final, An Evening of One-Acts.

Many students might think that because the class is a theater course, that it is meant just for theatre majors. Directing I is a required course for theater majors, but it is offered to anybody who is interested if spots are open. Out of the nine students currently enrolled in the course only six are theater majors. Krista McKinney, a junior communication major, Ericka Lunsford, a senior English major, and Eric Ball, a senior communications major, have each signed up for the course and are actively participating and learning. Eric Ball had this to say regarding being a non-major in the Directing I class: "What I like about Emily

Heugatter's directing class is that you don't have to be a theater major to take it. If anything it should be called, "Theater Appreciation" because so much work goes into each production that goes unnoticed by the audience. It has taught me how to bring a character to life and, since I am a film major, this is an invaluable skill."

For the Directing I final, each student takes what they learn and choose a one-act play, hold auditions, cast their show, rehearse, and then put everything together for An Evening of One-Acts. This semester, nine one-act plays will be put on the stage of Marjorie Lyon's Playhouse, showcasing the nine students' journey as a director. Each director chose a show that stuck out to them, and most chose a show that reflects their own personalities. Barry James Acosta, junior theatre major chose The Wedding Story, by Julianne Homokay, which takes a comedic spin on reality versus fairy tale as told by a storyteller with a bride and groom who beg to differ. Eric Ball chose Smile, by Nina Mansfield. It's about a man

An Evening of One-Acts



Marjorie Lyon's Playhouse

and a woman who are in different interrogation rooms and the audience finds out that the woman punched the man in the face. Yet, this play is a lot more than this simple action because it delves into how two completely different personalities can run into each other and create this mass chaos that is known as life. Junior theatre major Andrew Wood chose Green Eyes, by Tennessee Williams, which is about the tension between a newlywed couple

as they spend their honeymoon in a New Orleans hotel room.

Due to the size of the class, An Evening of One-Acts will be split into two performance nights, one on Friday, December 2 and one on Saturday, December 3. You have two nights to see your fellow students directing and acting, so you do not want to miss out on the experience.

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Letter from the Editor: “Dinin’ with the Dean!”

Ashley Lynch
Editor in Chief

As a student, I can vouch that I have often had moments where I felt there was room for improvement regarding certain areas on campus, whether it was through a perceived lack, desire, want, or need.

It's natural: there is always something that could work better, something that doesn't quite solve a pressing issue, or something that we would like to see more often, guaranteed.

Since the desire for more consistent communication between students and administration has been a yearly concern among several of Centenary's students, members of our organization sought a way to bridge the gap between the “higher-ups” and the student body.

And for now, we think we have come to one: our new, Conglomerate-sponsored event, “Dinin’ with the Dean,” will be an opportunity for students to share their thoughts over some grub with our Dean of Students, Mark Miller.

Starting soon, Miller will select one day and meal period each month as a chance for students to meet up and dine with him in the cafeteria. While there, they can mingle with the Dean, learn more about him, and express their personal thoughts on all

things “Centenary.”

“I don't want [students] to feel like they can't bring their concerns, but I don't want to discourage students who have other thoughts and ideas from attending, too,” said Miller, noting that similar public forum settings can often be viewed in a negative light by students who might not always have a complaint in mind. Concerns are certainly a focus, but comments, questions, and informal discussion is also encouraged.

Depending on the popularity of the event, the number of “dinin’” days may increase or decrease as the months move forward. For now, we highly encourage students to take advantage of an opportunity that isn't oft present at other schools: the ability to voice our thoughts to a professional staff member of the college in a casual setting, and generate ideas with him and our peers about how to address those topics.

“Dinin’ with the Dean’s” first meal will take place in the cafeteria for lunch at 12p on November 11th, 2011. Come with questions, comments, ideas, and an appetite. For more information, send an email over to us at [The Conglomerate through: conglomerate@centenary.edu](mailto:conglomerate@centenary.edu).

Given the fact that this will be held on a Friday, suggested attire is, of course, maroon & white!

DININ’ with the DEAN

Friday, Nov 11th
12p @Caf

Question of the Week

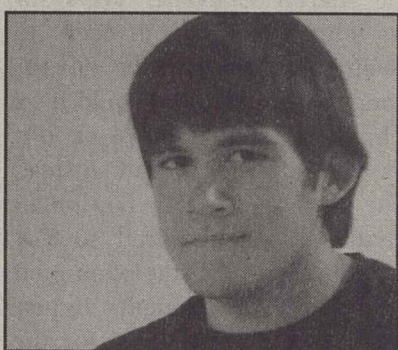
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Kyle Boston, Freshman



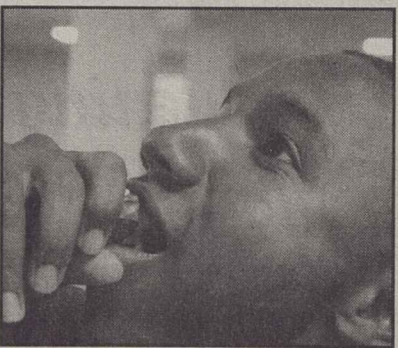
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Jessico Bato, Sophomore



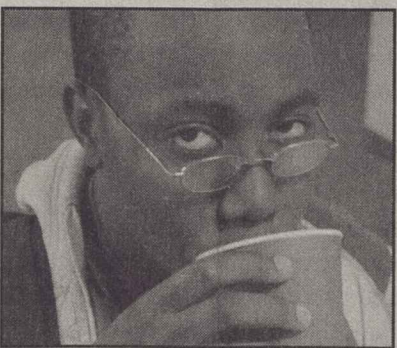
The cofee
Steven Finley, Junior



The teachers
Chase Rials, Sophomore



Free candy in the SLO
Michael Vaughan, Junior



The crazy squirrels.
Christopher Youngblood, Junior

UPs & DOWNS

Some of Freak Week

Zombie Apocalypse, Rocky Horror, and S'mores were awesome!

Robinson Film Center

Haynesville was fantastic, and Young Frankenstein for Halloween was epic!

Alan's Hot Tub

We love laughing.

The Rest of Freak Week

The Zombie Walk and the comedian weren't as hot.

Underwear Intramurals

We're all scarred.

Stray Animals on Campus

Can't hug every cat!

Fitness Center Classes

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7:00 am	-	-	Yoga	-
7:15 am	-	Total Body	-	Total Body
11:15 am	-	ABS	-	ABS
Noon	Pilates	Yoga	Pilates	Yoga
4:35 pm	-	-	-	-
5:00 pm	-	-	Boot Camp	-
5:30 pm	-	Cycling	-	Turbo Kick
6:00 pm	Zumba	-	Zumba	-

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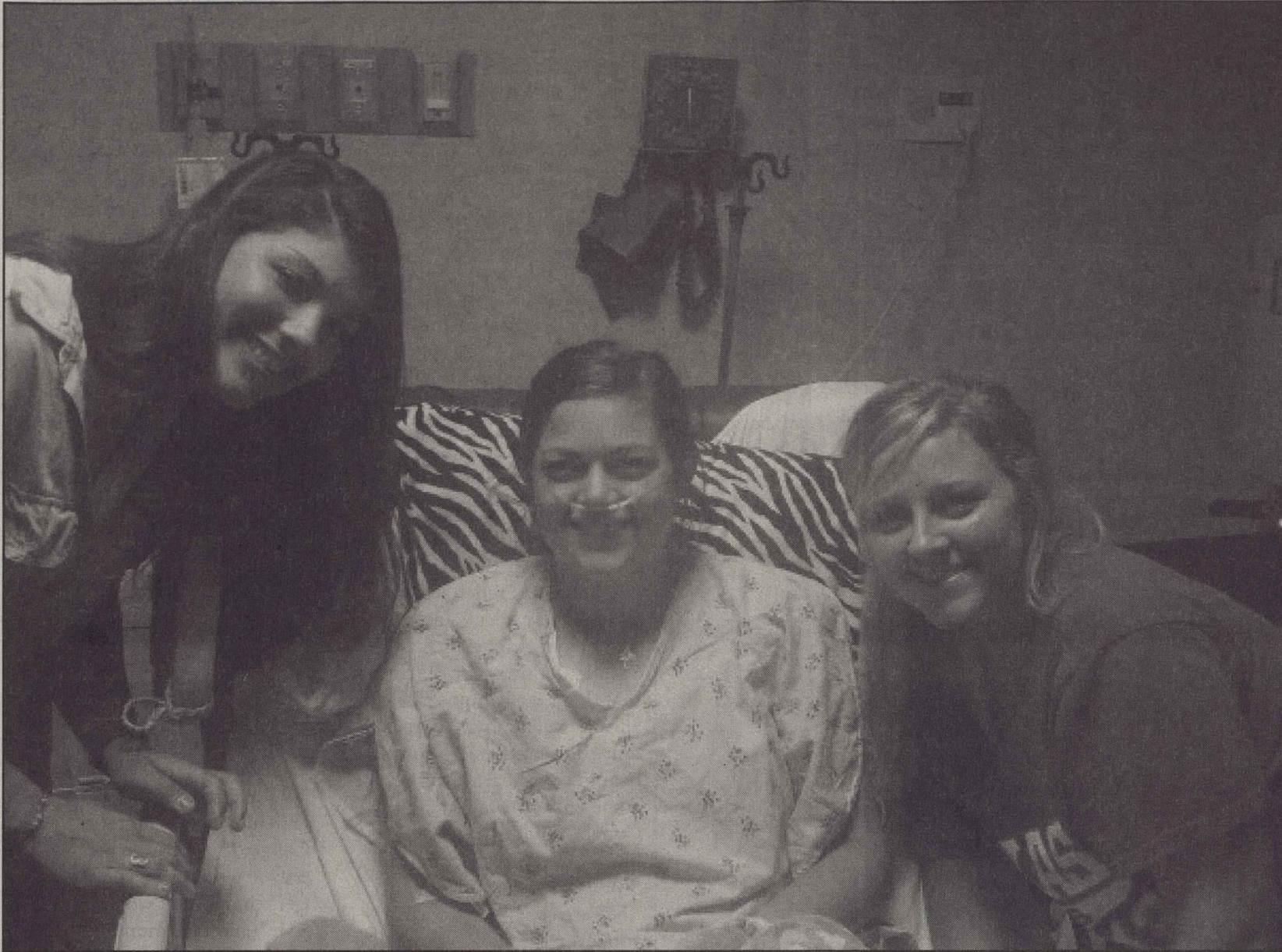
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Fri: 6am - 6pm
Sat: Noon - 6pm
Sun: 2pm - 6pm

Pool Hours

Mon-Fri: 11am - 2pm
Mon Night: 8pm - 10pm
Wed Night: 6pm - 10pm
Sat & Sun: 2pm - 6pm

NEWS

The Waggoner Project



Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

Lauren Swift, a current student-athlete at Centenary College of Louisiana, is currently raising funds to support Megan Waggoner, her friend of three years who is dealing with a great deal of medical ailments. Three years ago, Lauren was given the wonderful opportunity to leave her hometown on a softball scholarship to Bossier Parish Community College.

BPCC was the beginning of a wonderful relationship between her family and the Waggoner family. As Lauren was a new college student four hours away from home, the Waggon-

er family treated her like one of their own. Playing softball with Megan and her twin sister, Malory, was an experience that she would not trade for the world. Sharing times as a student-athlete with the Waggoner twins not only gave her two life-long best friends, but also gave her an outlook on life that consisted of ecstatic motivation and enthusiasm.

Last spring, as BPCC heavily prepared for conference play, Megan started feeling very weak at practice. As an appalling surprise to Megan and the rest of her peers, March 2011 would be considered the last softball game of her life. Her story was the number one factor that led the team to the regional tournament.

As Steve Jobs said during his last speech at Stanford graduation, "Live each day to the fullest, because you never know when something can be taken away from you." After practice one day, Megan was hospitalized due to the abrupt formation of blood clots in her lungs. However, this was minuscule compared to hardships that Megan has withstood to this day.

Recently Megan has been diagnosed with Antiphospholipid syndrome, which means that her body spontaneously creates blood clots. In the midst of cultivating this specific ailment, the doctors discovered a hole in Megan's heart which could potentially retain a blood clot and kill her. Megan had heart surgery in

May of 2011, and since then has been diagnosed with Internal Lupus and Pleurisy.

With this situation at hand, it is extremely difficult for Megan to find happiness. Megan has been put on 11 different types of medication each day, one of which includes a blood thinner, Coumadin.

Recently, doctors have said that "Megan has the immune system of an 85 year old woman." She has currently been admitted into the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, which is a very expensive trip, yet provides great hope for the Waggoner family. As an outsider looking in, it is impossible to even comprehend how those issues are mentally dealt with.

"I believe that financial mat-

ters should be lifted off of the shoulders of the Waggoner family," said Lauren, "This is why I am bringing our caring community into action."

Lauren is currently doing an internship with the marketing side of the Advocare Independence Bowl. The Independence Bowl is holding an amazing opportunity right now, and she is determined to share this opportunity with the community so that everyone can financially help the Waggoner family. She is selling tickets to the Independence Bowl as a fund raiser. For every ticket purchased through Lauren, the Independence Bowl gives \$10 back to the Waggoner family.

This is a perfect way to help fund hospital bills as well as Megan's trip to the Mayo Clinic. The fund raiser will last until November 11th, and her goal is to sell at least 200 tickets (which will give the Waggoner family \$2,000).

The Independence Bowl is December 26th, and tickets are \$37 and \$47 each, depending on the seats. If students are planning on purchasing tickets to the Independence Bowl, they can give their money to Lauren in person, send the ticket money to the Independence Bowl office before November 11, or they can call the Independence Bowl office at (318) 221-0712 to make a credit card payment over the phone.

However, if they pay directly to the Independence Bowl instead of going through Lauren, it is crucial to imply that they are purchasing in regards of the Megan Waggoner fund raiser, whether it be through mail in check or over the phone credit card payment. This way it is easier to count the number of tickets that have been bought on behalf of the Megan Waggoner fund raiser. Lauren can be contacted at cell (409) 454-0020 or lswift@my.centenary.edu.

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Centenary Homecoming 2011

Maroon & White! *Student Homecoming Events*

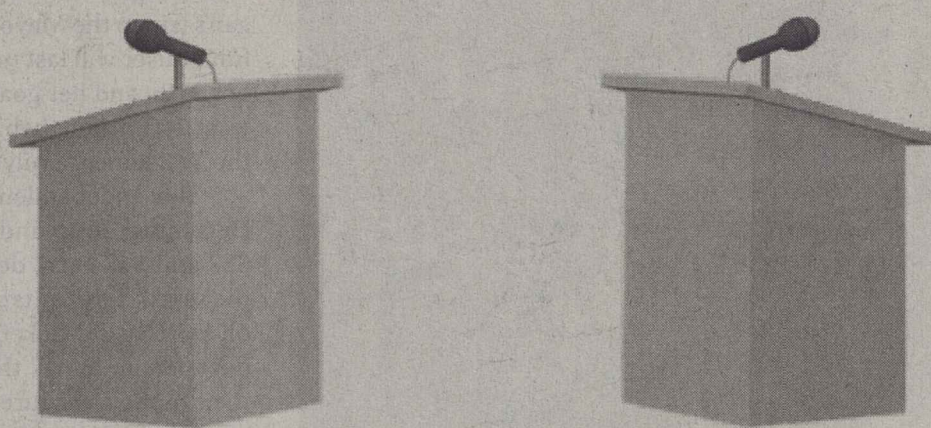
- Wednesday, November 2nd
 - Kick-Off Party/Window Painting/Can Building Competition
 - 8:00 pm, Cafeteria
- Thursday, November 3rd
 - Dodgeball (Student vs Faculty/Staff)
 - 5:00 pm, Jones Rice Field (Rain location, Gold Dome)
- Friday, November 4th
 - Student Athlete Recognition and Gumbo Cook-Off*
 - 6:00 pm, Fitness Center Gym
- Saturday, November 5th
 - Un-Parade Display Set-Up*
 - 10:30 am - 11:00 am, Mayo Field Entrance
 - Basketball Intersquad Game*
 - 11:00 am, Gold Dome
 - Tailgate and Alumni Cook-Off*
 - 12:00 pm, Gold Dome Parking Lot
 - Centenary vs Henderson Swim Meet*
 - 1:00 pm, Fitness Center Natatorium
 - Gents vs Alumni Soccer Game*
 - 2:00 pm, Mayo Field
 - Homecoming Court Presentation at Half Time (2:30 pm)
 - Gents vs Alumni Baseball Game*
 - 2:45 pm, Shehee Stadium
 - Ladies vs Alumnae Soccer Game*
 - 3:30 pm, Mayo field
 - Rhapsody in View Reception for all attendees*
 - 6:00 pm, Riverview Hall Lobby
 - Rhapsody in View*
 - 7:30 pm, Riverview Hall
 - Requires ticket purchase
- Sunday, November 6th
 - Memorial Service*
 - 9:30 am, Brown Chapel
 - Rhapsody in View Matinee Performance*
 - 2:30 pm, Riverview Hall
 - Requires ticket purchase.

NEWS

Speak out in the Speech and Debate Club



SPEECH AND DEBATE ORGANIZATION



Stefan Pressyanov
Contributing Writer

Centenary's Speech and Debate club has just taken off. The Speech and Debate Club allows you, the students, to advocate your point, sharpen your speech skills and build leadership skills, while getting instant feedback from your peers. All students are welcome to come out and join.

Here, students can freely share (and debate with others) their opinions, views, ideas or proposals on any on-campus, local, national, international, planetary or inter-galactic issues. The Speech and Debate club is open to anyone who wants to make a positive impact through

dialogue and discussion on any topic.

For students who are enthusiastic about something and want to make it happen, they can find a group of fellow supporters who are willing to help them develop their ideas and eager to back it up when presenting it in front of other on-campus organizations.

The organization concentrates on speech skills development, and it aims to create a productive debating atmosphere.

Students who want to be a part of this new and exciting group should email the Secretary at lspencer@my.centenary.edu.

Ask to be included in the mailing list and to learn more about weekly meetings.

It is always a plus for interested students to come to meetings with a prepared topic or proposal in mind. Students can also bring with them a lined written proposal or a picture, sign, lego blocks, puzzles, guitar, diving suit, candy-floss or whatever they consider necessary to explain themselves and their ideas more efficiently.

The Speech and Debate Club said, "We are looking forward to seeing you (and debating with you) soon!"

International Spotlight: *Sam Moreel: A Parisian in America*

Rebecca Funderburg
Staff Writer

The Conglomerate: What is your name?

Sam Moreel: Samuel Moreel, but you can call me Sam.

Congo: Where are you from?

SM: I live in Cambrai (France), but I study in Lille.

Congo: How long will you be at Centenary?

SM: For a semester, until December.

Congo: What is your major?

SM: Literature & Civilization, but here [it's called] history.

Congo: So, what classes are you taking?

SM: Literature, history, translation with Dr. Kress, Theory and Criticism of Film, and I teach a French lab.

Congo: How does Centenary differ from France?

SM: Something very different is that there is a campus. You are all very welcoming. There is not only the heat outside, but the heat of your heart. I will try to come back by May.

Congo: What is your favorite part of Centenary?

SM: People take care of you. They are so willing to help you, even the staff in the Caf. I have friends on the soccer

team and will really miss the soccer games. So, I guess the main thing is the gathering at Centenary.

Congo: What do you miss about France?

SM: The food here is a negative and a positive because you experience something new everyday, but I do have admit I miss French baguettes. Mmm.

Congo: You said earlier that Centenary has a campus. Is there not a campus in France?

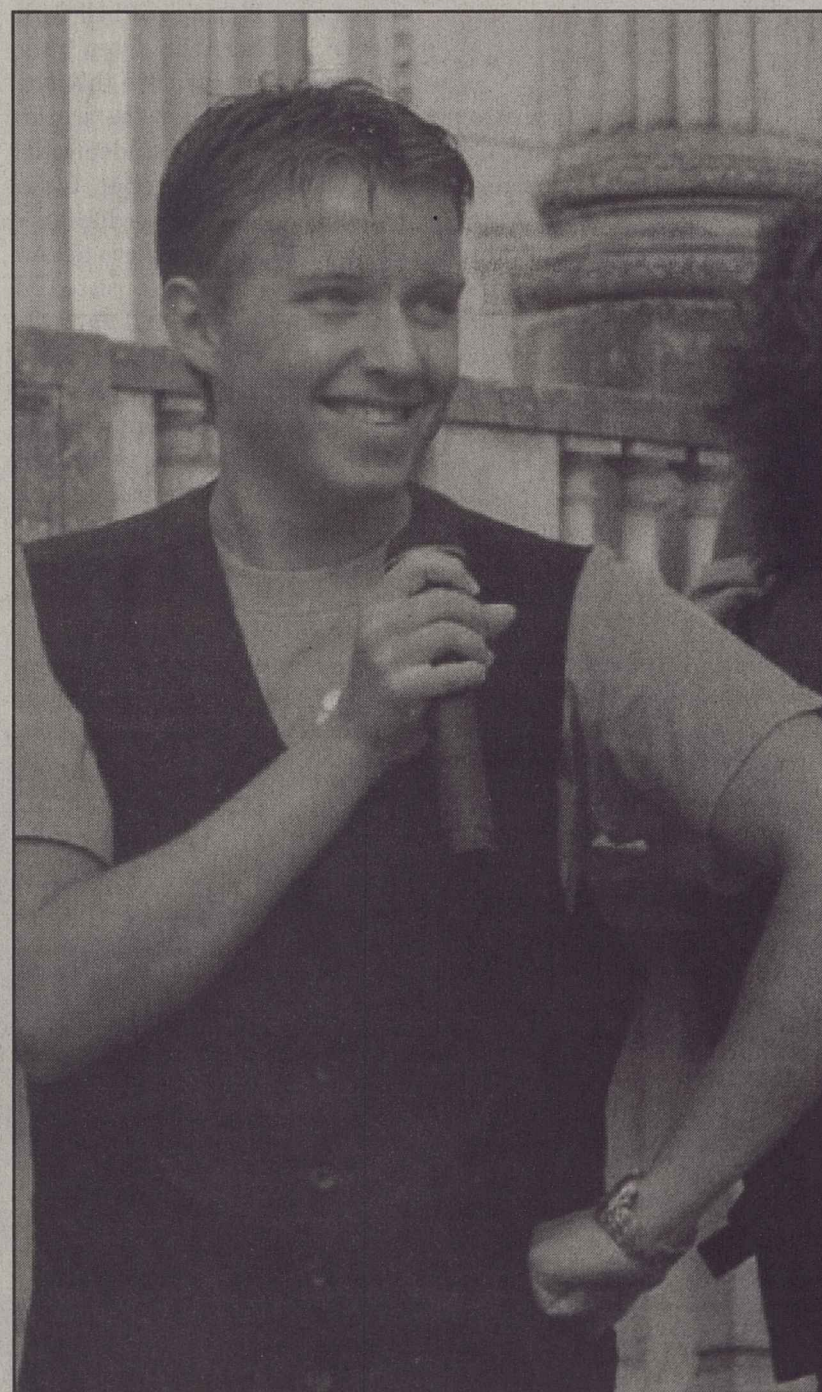
SM: There is a big building for classes. The residencies are in town. I guess that's why people are more distanced. I lived 30 minutes walking away from classes.

Congo: You also said you want to come back to visit?

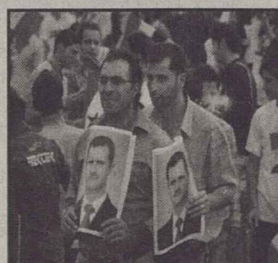
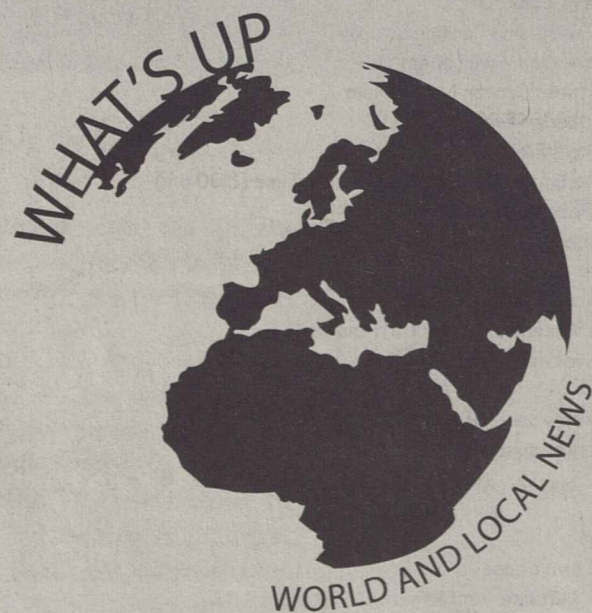
SM: I don't want to think about my departure. My parents will come by the end of the week and I miss them so I'm glad, but it means my time here is half way over. I've grown very close to Centenary, and definitely want to come back to say "hi" and see my French students. Right now, I'm enjoying the moment.

Congo: If you had to pick a phrase to describe your time at Centenary, what would it be?

SM: "Enjoy the moment."



The Conglomerate
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Meetings Sunday nights
3rd floor of the SUB
7pm



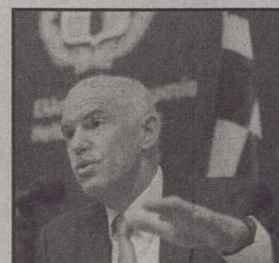
Syria

Syria has agreed to end its crackdown on anti-government demonstrations by pulling troops from the streets and releasing the prisoners that were jailed during months of protests.



Libya

The war in Libya is declared over, but rivalries rage on among some regional militias, leading to a mutual distrust that poses a challenge to the new leadership.



Greece

Greece's cabinet voted Wednesday to support Prime Minister George Papandreou's call for a referendum on the latest bailout plan as soon as possible.



Flight from Newark

A flight from Newark, New Jersey had to make an emergency landing at Warsaw, Poland's Frederic Chopin International airport Tuesday after problems with its landing gear.

NEWS

Career Corner: *Achieve More; How to Get More Done in a Work Day*



Chaerli Faught
Staff Writer

Most of us want to achieve more at work. How do you then get more done at work on a daily basis? Do you sometimes feel you are not as productive? You seem to have wasted a lot of time? Your list of things just gets longer, not shorter.

The first thing you can do to feel less stressed out and to

achieve more at work is to go for the "lowest hanging fruit." What does this mean? Find the things that are the easiest to do first. Get them out of the way. Is it a simple e-mail asking for an off-the-shelf quotation? Then get that off the list. Sometimes people have a tendency to delay on simple tasks which eventually just piles up.

The second thing to do is find the most productive action

that you can do in a day. Something that will help you in the biggest project you have at hand. The reason for this is because big projects takes time. So, logically you need daily effort to see it through to completion. Dedicate a slot of your time each day to this action and see how small steps like this help complete a big task.

Another thing you can do to get more work done during the

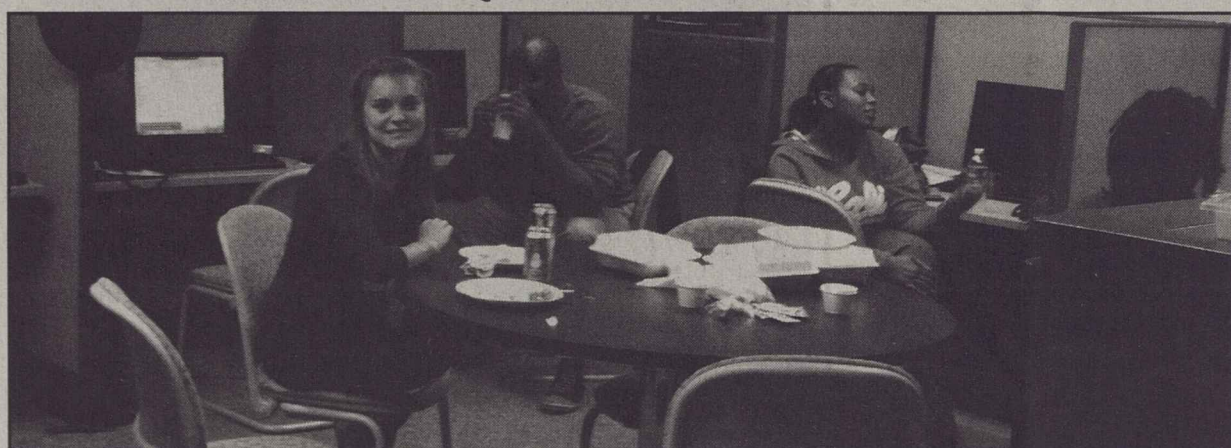
day is to break your work into small chunks. This is a common technique that is used by most people. Sometimes, when you are overwhelmed there is a tendency to procrastinate. Write down a completion date for each section. When you keep yourself in check, you can achieve more.

Getting help from people isn't a bad thing. Getting help doesn't mean that you don't know how to do your work; it's

just a smart move. You will also save precious time from not making mistakes that have been made before. You may be surprised how people would like to help. It helps position them as the "go to person".

To achieve more at work is easy. You just have to open your eyes and be frank with yourself--why are you not doing the things you need to do when you need to do it?

Centenary Phone-a-thon



Christian Roberson
Staff Writer

The philanthropy department at Centenary is always working to keep a high level of alumni relation with the college, and the newly revised Call Center is a part of this plan to give the past graduates of the college a good memory of the school.

The Call Center is a place where students call alumni to both share experiences of the college and to raise money for the future needs of Centenary. Alumni are encouraged to give gifts of any amount to school.

David Williams, the head of the Centenary Phone-A-Thon, has made some important changes to the program to focus it less on a dollar amount given.

"When we say that every gift counts, it does. First off, every gift does move us towards our annual financial goal, which is very substantial, but also, one of the ways that schools are rated by U.S. news and world report, by outside rating agencies, and including agencies who do grants and stuff like that, is they look at the percentage of alumni giving," said Williams. "Let's face it, if a school can only get 5% of its alumni to give to the school, would you want to give to the school?"

The money raised is used to improve things on the campus that affect the students. The largest example of this is the five million dollar gift which was given last year and has been used to make a large amount of improve-

ments on the campus.

"Anybody who is a science major and knows that we finally fixed the bathrooms in Mickle, I mean, those bathrooms were forty years old and they smelled like it and looked like it, you know. They were rough. Those kind of things are connecting points, it puts them [Alumni] closer to the college," said Williams.

So far, only a small amount of decisions have been made with the money raised by the Phone-A-Thon, such as wireless internet connection in the gold dome and wireless projectors for the classrooms in the Wright building. Hopefully, strong impacts can be made with the money raised by philanthropy's efforts.

Centenary Professional Development

FRIDAY LUNCH SERIES

Grab your lunch in the Caf and come join us for "Friday Lunch Series" chats on different career coaching topics!

All are at 12:00 noon in the Centenary Room, adjacent to the Caf.

Fall 2011 Topics:

Friday, September 1

"Choosing Majors & Careers"

Perfect for those who may be confused about their major or career and want some direction on how to discern your options!

Friday, September 16

"Resumes/CVs & Cover Letters"

Learn the basics how to construct a resume, CV or cover letter OR bring yours by for a quick review!

Friday, October 7

"Applying to Graduate or Professional School"

Find out what it takes to apply and get into graduate or professional school!

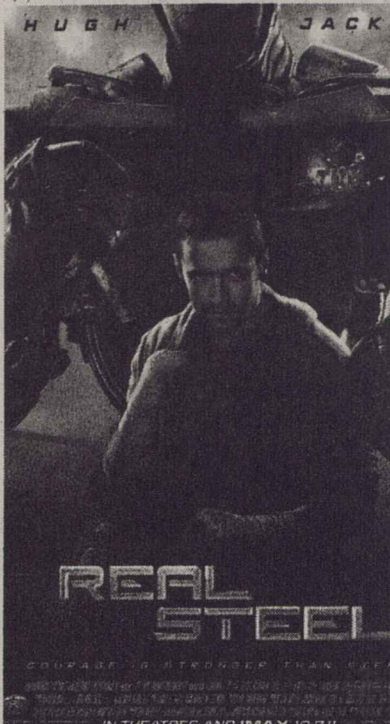
Friday, November 11

"Personal Statements"

A continuation of the October topic...get more in-depth with what personal statements entail. If you have a draft, bring it for a review!

For more information, contact Elizabeth Everett, Assistant Director for Professional Development at 869-5042 or everett@centenary.edu.

Op/Ed: Real Steel is a Steal



Christian Prince
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Opinion/Editorial

Charlie Kenton, a boxer during his prime years, now fights with a couple thousand pounds of steel in the form of a giant robot. For Charlie, money is king and the more he can make the better—especially since he likes to gamble.

Yet with an unexpected turn of events Charlie's son, Max, who he has not seen since his birth, ends up spending the summer with him. A father-son bond is formed through a love

of fighting across two different generations. However, another bond is formed between boy and robot.

Atom, a G2 or Generation 2 bot was not considered a fighting bot, rather a test dummy. Atom had the ability to mimic the movement of a person causing, Max to believe that there was more to Atom than meets the eye.

Yahoo critics gave "Real Steel" a B- while users reported an A. Well known film critic Roger Ebert gave "Real Steel" three out of four stars as well.

Empire, a UK magazine, said, "Rocky with robots? It's not quite in Balboa's weight class, but 'Real Steel' at least has some heft. There's barely a story beat among the beat-downs that you won't expect, and sometimes the saccharine gets in the way of the spectacle, but on the whole this is enjoyable family entertainment."

I'll admit, I am a tad biased when it comes to the art of Hugh Jackman's acting. While trying to act as the tough guy, Jackman allows the audience to see the softer side of his character when it comes to his son. He also provides a flawless example of the "float like a butterfly, sting like a bee" adage when displaying the boxing moves of Charlie Kenton. Furthermore, the on-

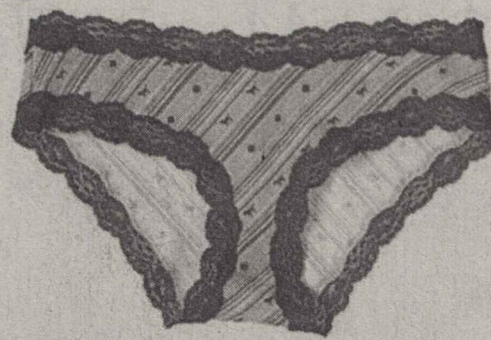
screen chemistry of Evangeline Lilly and Hugh Jackman is well played and very convincing.

I feel that Dakota Goyo, the actor who plays Charlie's son Max, only partially conveys realistic emotions. He does well when playing the smart aleck, mini version of Charlie; yet, when it comes to the more sentimental aspect of his mother's death, there is a lack of sadness that I feel the audience needs.

The high level of fighting intensity displayed by the robots in "Real Steel" lifted me from my seat. The film occurs in the near future where people's demands for violence as entertainment has increased. Meeting these demands with the form of boxing, which we are familiar with today, would be inhumane. Thus, Robots are used as substitutes where fights to the death can happen. I love this concept because this is something that I believe could possibly happen around the time period the movie is set.

If you want to see a movie that involves futuristic fighting along with learning the importance of family relationships "Real Steel" is a must-see steal.

Pink Panties Party!



For Women Only!

Join your female RA's to discuss:

- * Nutrition
- * Breast cancer
- * Safety Awareness
- * HPV
- * Women's support groups on campus
- * Safe sex

When: Wednesday, November 16 @ 6p.m.
Where: The Whited Room

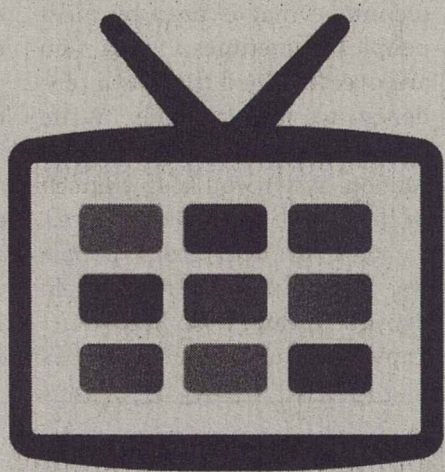
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| 3. De Staat-Machinery | 14. Toro Y Moi-Freaking Out EP |
| 4. The Decemberists-Long Live the King | 15. Death Letters-Post-Historic |
| 5. Gauntlet Hair-Gauntlet Hair | 16. Ryan Adams-Ashes And Fire |
| 6. FUN.-We Are Young | 17. Gary Clarke Jr.-Bright Lights EP |
| 7. Guineafowl-Anxiety EP | 18. The Step Kids-The Step Kids |
| 8. TAMMAR-Visits | 19. Ben Folds-The Best Imitation of Myself |
| 9. Youth Lagoon-Youth Lagoon | 20. Coldplay-Mylo Xyloto |
| 10. M83-Hurry Up, We're Dreaming | |
| 11. The Beach Boys-Smile Sessions | |

Tech News: Google TV Hoping Second Time's a Charm



Google TV™

Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

Google TV 1.0 is no landmark product like the search engine or tablet devices that are running Android, but maybe round two will lead to much better success. After having to deal with confusing, buggy, and bloated issues the first time, along with major TV networks quickly blocking it from receiving streaming-video versions of prime-time shows, Google might be ready to move forward.

Recently revealing its plans for Google TV in detail, it will be interesting to see how people respond to it. There will be a major upgrade released and will show up on Google TV-equipped Sony televisions next week according to an article on cnet.com.

It seems that the goal this time around for Google is not about how many features can be packed in, but how coherently it works. Some details that were released include: a simpler interface, more YouTube, movies in both steaming and over-the-air form, and a version of the Android Market that will start out with about 50 apps.

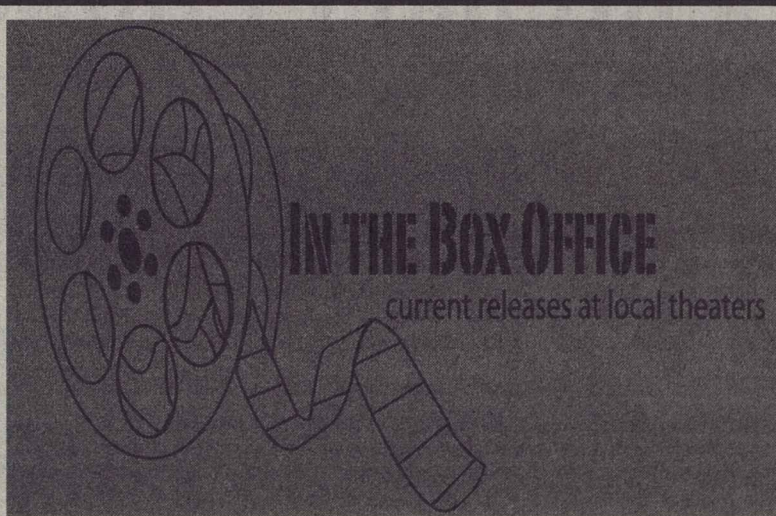
The first time Google TV appeared, many people were concerned about the notion of cord-cutting, which was happening around the same time. Although Google TV really wasn't about cord-cutting and was simply replacing the classic cable TV programming grid with a search engine that let Google search for all the content the user pays for.

The latest update has Google working even harder than it did the first time and is trying to make Google TV

make more sense about what its goal is. Major content providers continue to block their shows from reaching Google TV, but it isn't so bad now.

One benefit of that is pushing Google TV's YouTube feature, even though it won't replace cable anytime soon but has potential to be a supplement to it, especially as more professional content is continually added. The arguments supporting the cable cutting leads to those against it with evidence like the lack of live news and sports on the Web and plentiful on cable.

While Google TV still hasn't turned out to be a big hit yet, it isn't alone as other living-room internet products like Apple TV, have yet to make a significant impact. Google is on the right track as it continues to try melding conventional TV with the Web instead of rendering traditional TV as obsolete.



In theaters this weekend:

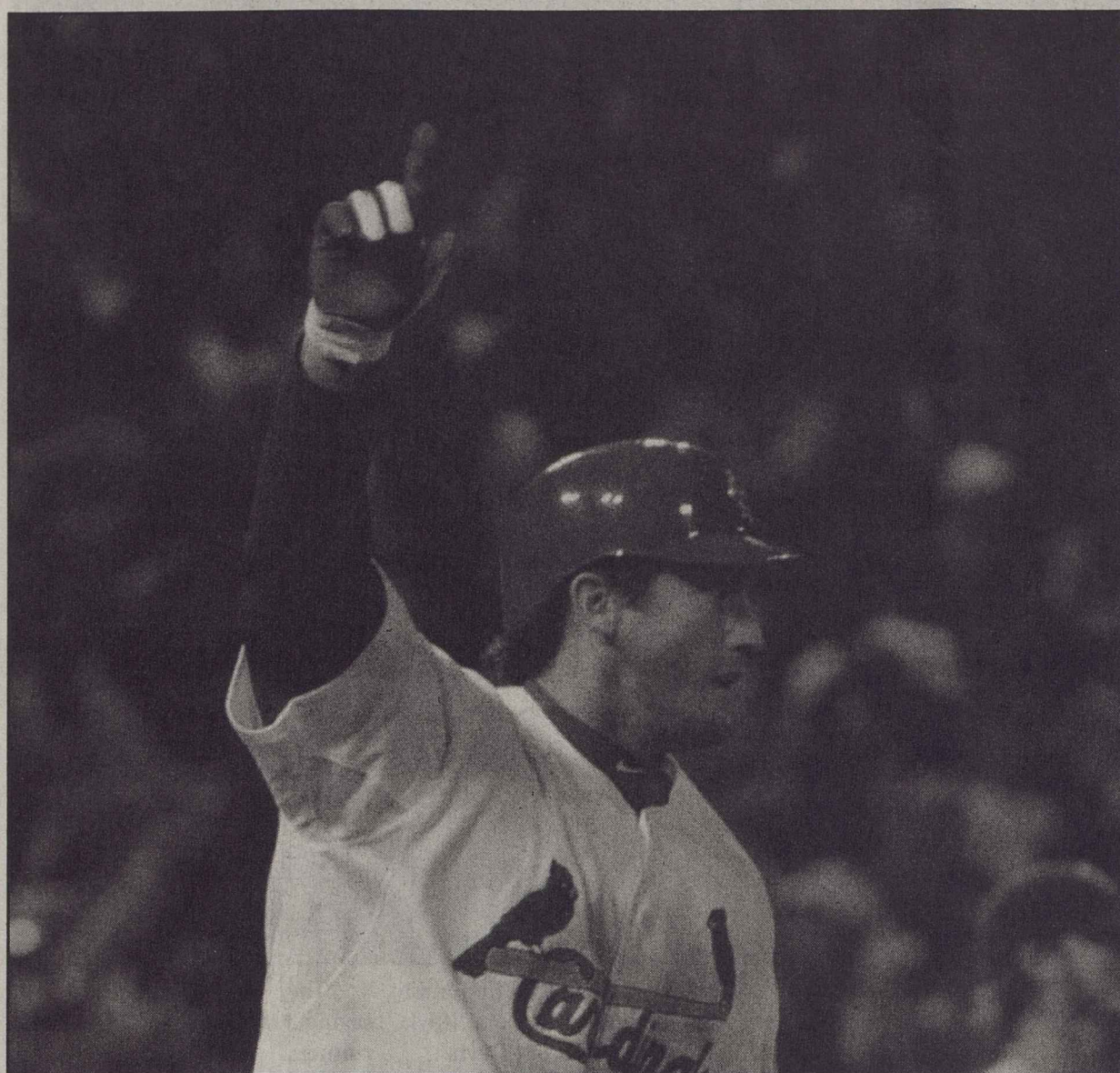
Footlose
Tower Heist
A Very Harold and Kumar Christmas 3D
Puss in Boots
In Time
The Rum Diary
Paranormal Activity 3
Real Steel
Courageous
Dream Horse

Now Playing and Coming Soon at The Robinson Film Center:

Drive
Mozart's Sister
Toast
The Help

Sports

Cardinals Win One of the Most Exciting World Series Games Ever



Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

In what was probably one of the most unlikely match-ups, both teams delivered one of the most entertaining Fall Classics in a long time. It was the first World Series to go all 7 games since 2002.

Representing the American League for the second year in a

row was the Texas Rangers, who fell in 5 games last year to the San Francisco Giants. They won the AL West easily and defeated the Tampa Bay Rays and Detroit Tigers to get to the Fall Classic. The Rangers had their second consecutive American League pennant in a row and in team history. They were looking to achieve their first World Series title in team history.

However, the team they would be facing, the St. Louis Cardinals, has won a couple of those titles. The Cardinals won the National League Wild Card on the last day of the regular season and completed a miraculous comeback after being down 10 games in the early part of September. They didn't slow down once they got into post-season. The Cardinals defeated the best

team record-wise in baseball, the Philadelphia Phillies, in five games. Next was division rival, the Milwaukee Brewers, in six games. The Cardinals are second only to the New York Yankees in number of titles and were hoping to add to it by finishing off a miracle season.

For the most part the games were evenly matched. The Cardinals exhibited strong pitching performance both from Carpenter and the bullpen that night. Coming off the bench with a clutch hit was pinch hitter Allen Craig to take a 3-2 lead. The Cards won to draw first blood in the series.

Allen Craig was a familiar name most of the series as he homered early in game 2 to give the Cards the lead most of the night. However, the Ranger's bats came alive in the ninth and ended up winning to tie the series as it shifted to Arlington.

Pujols stole the show in game three and rocketed three home-runs as the Cards won a 16-7 slug-fest.

Game 4 was back to featuring pitching, as Derrick Holland pitched 8.1 shutout innings and the Rangers were back even with a 4-0 win. Game 5 was a big game for both teams. The Rangers won 4-2 placing them only one game away from their first World Series.

The last two games were played in St. Louis, because the National League claimed home field advantage by winning the All-Star game this year. Game 6 wasn't the prettiest game, featuring five errors from the teams combined and a runner for the

Cards getting picked off at third. The Cardinals also continued to squander runners in scoring position and looked down after the Rangers went up 7-4 on back-to-back homers in the seventh inning.

The Cards cut the deficit to two in the eighth and had runners in scoring position with third baseman David Freese up. There were two outs and Freese was down to his last strike when he hit a laser off the right field wall to tie the game.

Momentum quickly shifted back in the Rangers favor as reigning AL MVP Josh Hamilton hit a two-run homer to put the Rangers up 9-7 in the top of the tenth. The Cardinals were once again down to their last strike, but outfielder Lance Berkman laced a single into center field to tie the game back up at nine in the bottom of the inning. Freese would cap the rally with a walk off in the bottom of the eleventh.

The Cardinals didn't have much drama in Game 7 once they got the lead in the third inning and added insurance runs in the middle innings to go up 5-2. That was the final score, and the Cardinals were World Series Champions. Comebacks were the theme this year for the Cardinals and if any team could have pulled it off it would have been them.

Congratulations to both teams for an entertaining series that had the highest television ratings since 2004.

Centenary Swimming Shines at Hendrix



Kate Rivers
Staff Writer

Competing in their third meet for the season, Centenary's Men and Women's Swimming stepped up to make quite the performance at the Hendrix Invite and Relays last Friday and Saturday.

Comprised of two different sessions, the Ladies and Gents raced against teams such as Hendrix College, Ouachita Baptist, Oklahoma Baptist, Henderson State and many more. This meet was considered particularly important due to the fact that Centenary will race many of these teams again later

in the season, and ultimately at the 2012 Conference Championships at Cleveland, Mississippi in February.

Although day one didn't end with a win, both the Ladies and Gents' teams ended up stealing fourth place standings once Friday's competition came to a close, with a few stellar swims resulting from the day.

On the Ladies side, Rachel Olson led the way with a second-place finish in the 200-yard IM with a time of 2:14.39, while Brittany Wilkens took third in the 200-yard Breast in 2:34.11. The 400-yard Medley Relay team of Lauren Lassiter, Wilkens,

Olson and Allison Jones also placed third with a finishing time of 4:11.72.

Also finishing fourth for Friday's meet, the Centenary Men's performance was highlighted by six top 3 finishes of the day, led by Devin Ross' first place finish in the 100-yard Free with a time of 46.99. Additionally, Ross Olivier took second in the 200-yard back with a 1:57.15, Matthew Pittman third in the 1000-yard free with a 10:12.90, and Peter Henry snagged third in the 50-yard free with a 21.99.

The 400-yard Medley Relay team of Olivier, Chris Kalmbach, Ross and Caleb McSorley took

third with a time of 3:33.98, while the 400-yard free relay team of Henry, McSorley, Ross and Anthony LeBlanc grabbed third as well with a 3:11.41.

Looking back at the history of Centenary Swimming, it has become almost custom for the team to perform well every year at the Hendrix Invitational on Friday, and even more traditional that the team exceeds expectations on Saturday for the Hendrix Relays.

Returning to the pool with motivation and energy, the Ladies and Gents ended Saturday with third-place standings each and a total of nineteen top three

finishes, nine for the Ladies and ten for the Gents. First place finishes for the day included the Ladies' 200-yard free relay team of Michelle Gaubert, Cassie Cloutet, Olson and Jones with a 1:42.20, and the 300-yard fly relay team of Laura Huning, Gaubert and Cloutet with a 3:01.45.

Speaking of the weekend's events, Centenary sophomore and swimmer Michelle Gaubert said, "The meet this weekend was full of energy and excitement. Gathering alongside the pool with teammates to cheer for the Gents is a feeling like no other. I think Halloween had everyone in a crazy mood!"

It is indeed true that there is something special about the Centenary swim team and their meets, and unless you put on a Speedo and get up to practice with them at six at the morning, you might not ever understand.

To see them in action and support the hard-working swimmers that represent your school, come cheer them on this Saturday at 1 in the fitness center as they take on Henderson State! As Gaubert says, "It will be a feeling like no other!"

Courtesy of GoCentenary.com

SPORTS

Centenary Cross Country Season Ends on High Note



Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

Centenary Cross Country traveled to Seguin, Texas for their first American Southwest Conference Cross Country Championship. Due to NCAA rules, the teams were not allowed to score in the meet because of recently moving to Division III. This did not stop the Ladies and Gents from going out and representing in the highest manner. Led by their fierce

leader Coach Armstrong, the teams were tapered and ready to race.

The Ladies started off the races at 8 a.m. on a chilled Saturday morning on Texas Lutheran University's course. A hundred and eleven female competitors lined up for the 6k (3.73 mile) race. Even though the weather might have been numbing, the Ladies came out to compete.

Many of the Ladies set personal records in the final race of the season. Coming across the finish line first for the ladies

was Julie Hughes finishing 21st with a time personal record of (25:46). Following close behind was Senior Kayla Tibaldo in 28th place running a (26:08).

Two more seniors Mellynn Baker (45th/27:21) and Jacquelyn Batson (53rd/27:55) came in strong across the finish line. The final three Ladies were Bonnie Cook running a personal record best of (68th/28:55), Hayley Schneider (98th/32:38) and Millicent Davis in (109th/37:00).

The Centenary Ladies will be saying goodbye to some wonderful senior runners that

include Mellynn Baker, Bonnie Cook, Jacquelyn Batson, Kayla Tibaldo, and Millicent Davis.

The Gents Cross country was led by "Mr. Physics," senior Robert Poole, running a season best of 29:07. Coming in near behind Robert was Miles McDonald in 33rd with a time of 29:33. Senior Johnathan Martin took 39th in 29:51 despite a lingering ankle injury. Taking 48th with a time of 30:36 was Chad Nelson and sprinting in was both Horacio D' Agostino (62nd/31:54) and Daniel Barker (97TH/ 41:34).

The Gents will also be saying a farewell to two fantastic runners Robert Poole and Captain Johnathan Martin.

These two teams despite injuries and early morning practices put together a very impressive 2011 cross country season. The teams would like to give a shout-out to the parents, participants, and all those who supported during the season as well as Dr. Shelly Armstrong for her leadership and constant encouragement throughout the season.

Ladies Finish the Season with Two Last Games



Courtesy of GoCentenary.com

Hannah Pfannenstiel
Staff Writer

This week the Centenary Ladies and Gents were on the road. They started Thursday with a game in Dallas, Texas against the University of Texas Dallas.

The Ladies were excited for

their last games of the season, and what some would call their last games of their college careers. When the Ladies arrived they noticed an immediate difference in weather from what they were used to in Shreveport. It was 57 degrees and misting in Dallas.

The Ladies didn't let the

weather get to them in the first half. They were prepared for what they knew would be a difficult game. However, Dallas managed to pull ahead in the 28th minute with a header to the back of the net. The score would remain 1-0 for half time.

The Ladies were beginning

to feel the effect of the weather in the second half. There was a goal in the 49th minute mark made by UTD. UTD then managed to score again only 7 minutes later. Coach Glenn Evans, knowing they had another game to play only 2 days later, took off most of the starters and gave second string a chance to play in the miserable weather. UTD managed one more goal before the game ended leaving the score 4-0 before the Ladies traveled home.

The Ladies and Gents left again Friday after classes to travel to The University of Ozarks in Clarksville, Arkansas. Many emotions were flying through the player's heads as they traveled. This would be the last game some played in their college careers; and for others the last game they would play with some of their closest friends.

Some tears were shed but more laughs were had than

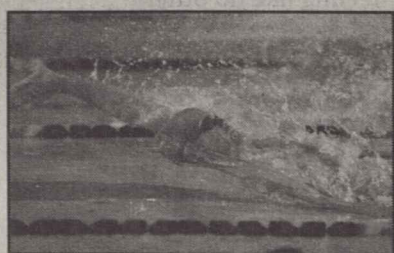
anything else. The Ladies stayed in a hotel that night and woke up ready to play Saturday morning. Junior Holden Penney managed a hat trick (scoring three goals in one game). She was assisted by junior Kelly Fossard, senior Eren Corapcioglu, and junior Courtney Cleveland.

Fossard and Cleveland went on to score their own goals as well. Fossard was assisted by Penney and Cleveland's shot was unassisted. It was a beautiful strike from outside the 18. The Ozarks managed to score one goal and played hard the whole game.

The Ladies were thrilled to have a season ending game like this one. This win gave them 10 wins for the season, an accomplishment that was much overdue for the Centenary Ladies. The girls would like to thank all of their fans, because a team is nothing without their support group.

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

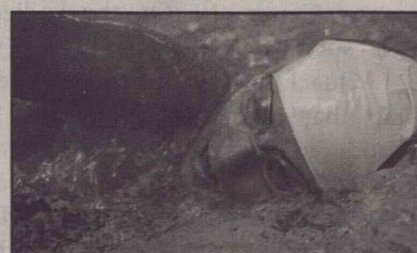
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Henderson State
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Soccer
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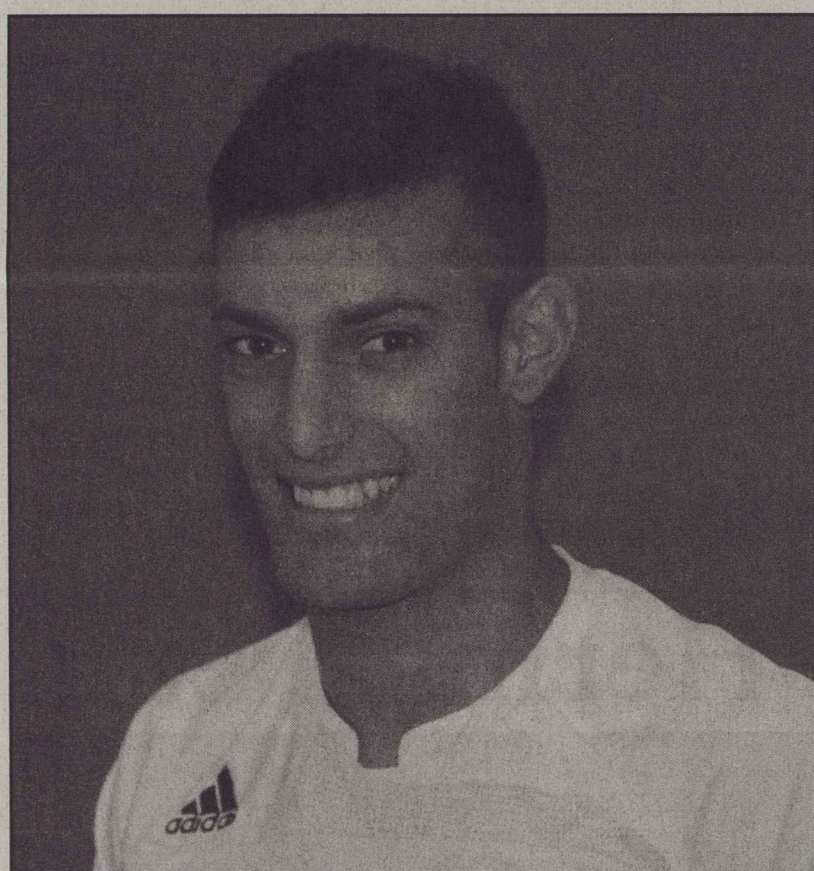
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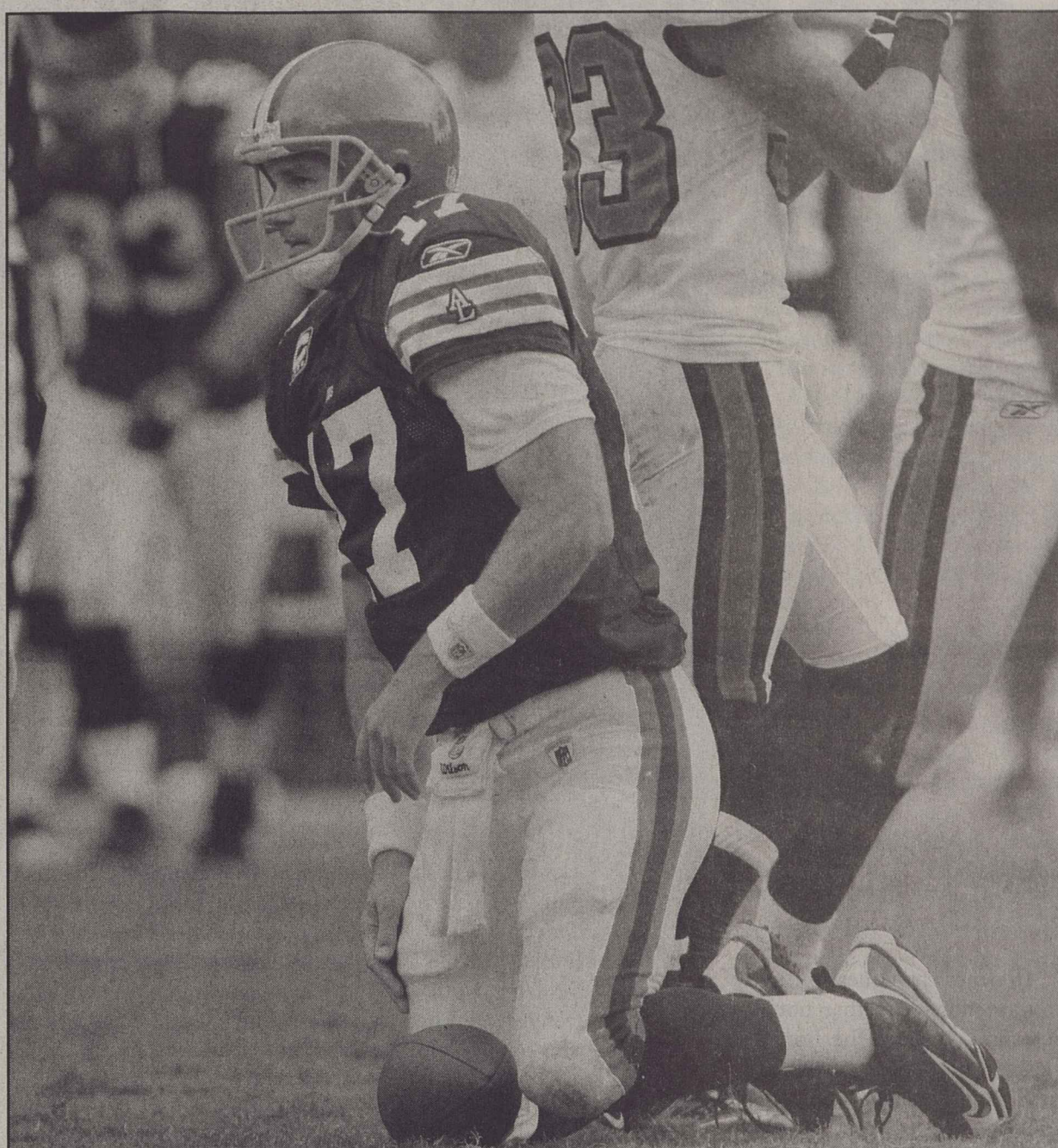
Steven Finley
Sports Editor

Sport: Soccer
Classification: Senior
Position: Left Back/ The Enforcer
Hometown: Arlington, TX/ Gaza, Palestine
Major: Physics with Geology and Math minors
Favorite Color: Red
Favorite Sports Team: Dallas Cowboys
Favorite Restaurant: Chipotle
Favorite Musical Artist: Bruno Mars
Favorite TV Show: Entourage/ Blue Mountain State
Favorite Movie: 300/ Friday
Hobbies: Chillin with the Sky Squad (A-berg, Heim Time, and Lasctose Aka Ced)
What do you plan on doing after graduation: Graduate school for a master's in petroleum engineering
People you look up to: My mother and father, and my brother Iyad
When did you start playing or getting involved in your sport and why: I started when i was 7 because my dad loved the sport
What goes through your head

as you prepare for every game:
Going Beast Mode
What is your most memorable moment in your career:
Punching a guy in the face and getting a red card... bad decision
What is your least favorite thing about your sport and what is your most favorite: I hate the running aspect but love adrenaline from the competition
If you could sum up your life in one song what would it be:
"Beast Mode" by B.O.B
What advice would you give younger athletes in your sport:
Go beast mode and never give up
Name three things you own that describe you: Hookah, Palestine bracelet, autographed Barry Sanders card
What is your most over used word or phrase: Beast Mode
Academic accomplishments, rewards or honors societies:
ODK Honor Society, Dean's List (every semester)
Sports accomplishments, rewards, and placements:
Academic All-League (every season), Commissioner's List of Excellence (every season)



Courtesy of GoCentenary.com



Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

Halloween weekend just wrapped up, and there were plenty of scares to go around for football fans.

Leading the way at halftime was the Miami Dolphins, St. Louis Rams, and Arizona Cardinals. The Rams were the only team to hang on and ended up getting their first win of the year over the New Orleans Saints 31-21.

The Dolphins ended up falling by a field goal to the New York Giants 20-17. The Cardinals also fell by a field goal to the Baltimore Ravens 30-27.

Joining the spooking was the Minnesota Vikings pulling a

surprising 24-21 win on the road against the Carolina Panthers. The Indianapolis Colts didn't receive any treats though and are still win-less on the season after falling 27-10 at Tennessee against the Titans.

In some of the more intriguing match ups this week, the New England Patriots took on the Pittsburgh Steelers. It was the Steelers that prevailed 25-17 at home, while the Philadelphia Eagles blew out their rival, the Dallas Cowboys, 34-7 that night.

Feel-good teams this year all found themselves on the winning side this week. The Houston Texans claimed a 24-14 win over the Jacksonville Jaguars, the Detroit Lions blew out the Denver Broncos 45-10, and the Buffalo Bills shutout the Washington Red

Skins 23-0 in what has turned into a scary season for them.

Wrapping up the scoreboard this weekend was the Cincinnati Bengals winning 34-12 over the Seattle Sea Hawks, and the San Francisco 49ers stayed hot with a 20-10 victory over the Cleveland Browns. The San Diego Chargers and Kansas City Chiefs faced each other on Halloween night with the Chiefs coming out on top in over time to win it 23-20.

It was a scary weekend for most teams, and it goes to show that anything is possible when a team hits the field.

Centenary Track and Field Making History

Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

For the first time in Centenary's history, Track and Field will be available to students who are eager to compete in college track.

This addition to the college is stirring up much excitement around the school. The past few years have been unfortunate due to many programs being cut from the institution. It is exciting for something to be added to the options for potential student athletes.

The Centenary Track and Field club was not added by administrators, but rather a few students who had the incentive to present this idea in front of the Student Government. Co-President Grayson Collins had this to say about the newly added club: "I'm really excited about the Track and Field Club becoming a reality at Centenary College! I've been running track ever since my dad suggested it to me when I was an eighth grader and I have

had a passion for the sport ever since." Co-Presidents, Grayson Collins and Chad Nelson, worked together with the process of making this club official. Chad Nelson said, "Without the dedication of Grayson Collins, this club would not have been possible."

Being part of this club will require dedication, hard-work, and teamwork. "Having the chance to compete again is like a dream come true for me. I can't wait to see what talents other Centenary students bring to the table. I hope to see this club grow and become a great team of individuals who are a force to be reckoned with in this great sport. So anyone that's interested, feel free to join our club," said Collins. Track and field is not an individual sport, but rather an opportunity to work together to show what Centenary is capable of doing on the track. The Club will have an informational meeting very soon. Any questions please contact Grayson Collins or Chad Nelson.



VIEWPOINTS

Political: Healthcare is a Good Thing

Health Care Reform?



Andrea Labor
Staff Writer

In American education, students are more often than not indoctrinated against the horrors of laissez-faire policy—exploited workers, unregulated foods, monopolies—and references to it all stop at the official end of the “Gilded Age.”

What about the current age? What about the current policy that has left big business in charge of our health care, and the proponents of this who don't seem to know just what they're promoting? Government interference on the level of the Patriot Act is one thing. Protection against businesses making money off of sickness is another.

“Unrestrained capitalism is unrestrained greed.” These words

came from Jack London, describing the “once upon a time” collusion of our federal government with big business. Yes, he was a socialist, the same word that now strikes fear into the hearts of all those who oppose universal healthcare. Unfortunately, his words are the truth.

The private insurance companies currently providing the medical safety nets of American citizens are not actually looking out for their customers. In fact, they do not always let people who actually need healthcare become customers in the first place. Those ads that proclaim that you can actually get insurance from this company despite having a serious condition? Those exist for a reason.

Under the proposed system, those who cannot afford the sky-high rates for those with actual

ailments may actually be covered. Furthermore, the companies will not be able to deny coverage because of pre-existing conditions. If capitalism was not about getting money—and handpicking customers less likely to need medical coverage paid for—then such regulations would not need to be proposed in the first place.

There wouldn't need to be a law preventing insurance companies from limiting the coverage they grant, either. The trouble with using private companies for this is that they do, in the end, need to make money. A lot of our current problems can be traced back to these companies having to compete with each other in the first place (again, thank you, capitalism).

With the government helping to subsidize the businesses—which they shouldn't have to do,

but these companies shouldn't be responsible for people's health in the first place—they can spend less effort competing and more time looking out for their customers. Perhaps. Any good insurance company actually dedicates some of its capital to avoiding customers who actually need healthcare in the first place.

Currently, about 19% of the population is not covered in the event of sudden injury or sickness. This also tends to be the same percentage that cannot pay the hospital bills for such an event. According to one study by Cambridge Hospital, Harvard Law School, and Ohio University, 62% of the United States' personal bankruptcy claims in 2007 were due to sudden injury or sickness.

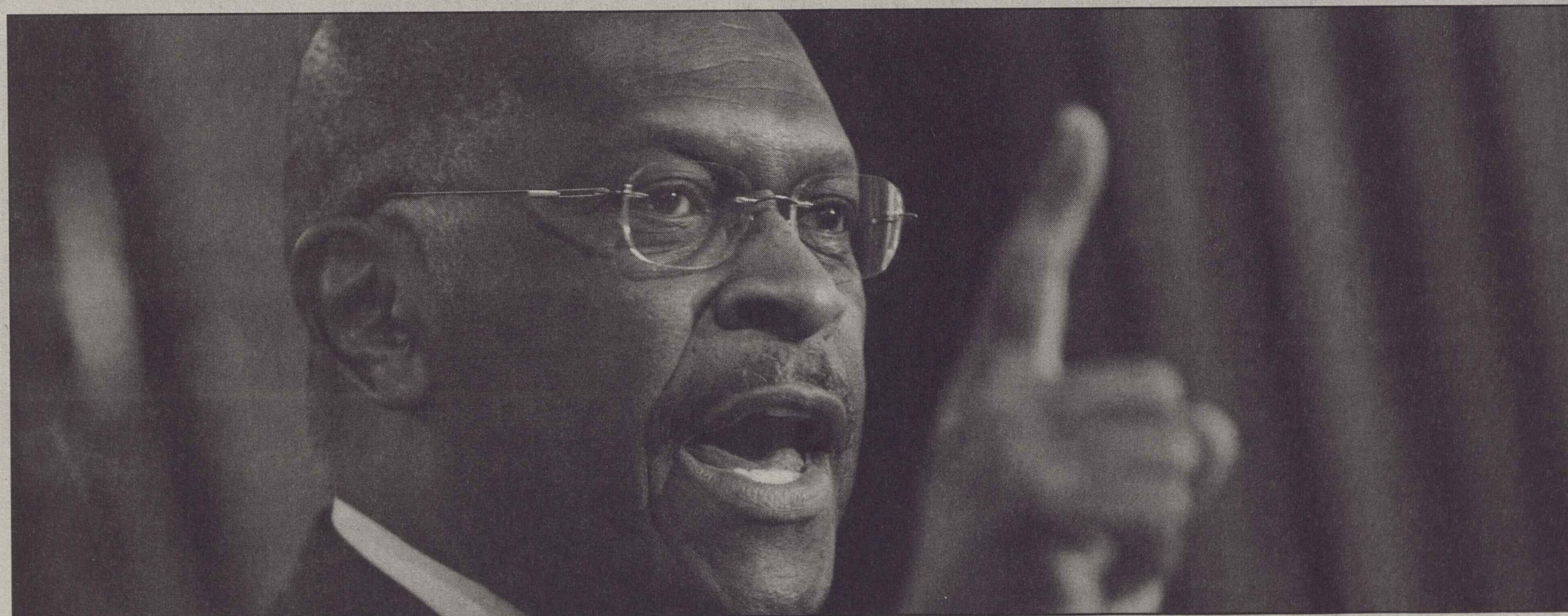
Calling for better healthcare is not calling for socialism.

Actually, Europe's democratic socialist countries boast much better health and happiness than America. The proposed system admittedly has its flaws: required healthcare or resulting fines are at the top of that list. But the fact of the matter is that we need something.

The current system features those without pressing need for health coverage paying for it, and those who need it paying too much or not having anything at all. With a greater percentage of America's population aging and less money in the pot, something will have to be done.

At the very least, I can praise Obama for trying to work off of that knowledge and the crazy system we have. Now if only we could agree on something.

Presidential Candidate Herman Cain



Andrea Violet
Business Manager

Beginning the last in the series of presidential candidate spotlights, we are looking today at Herman Cain.

Cain is a non-traditional candidate in the sense that he comes from mainly a business standpoint versus a political background. This is viewed by parts of the American public as his strength, having more “real world” experience and bringing a fresh, new approach of gover-

nance to the table.

Herman graduated in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Morehouse College. Following this, he attended Purdue in pursuit of a Masters of Computer Science. As Cain was earning his Masters, he also worked full time as a ballistics analyst for the United States Department of the Navy.

After graduation, Cain began transitioning from computer systems analyst to business analyst. He progressed to become successful CEO of several differ-

ent companies, all in which he improved sales and the functionality of the companies as a whole. His closest waltz with the precarious world of politics came when he served on the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City in 1992.

His career in business is one of the main contributing factors to his perceived success as a Presidential candidate. This gives him an unconventional approach to the issues government is faced with currently.

In the polls recently candi-

dates such as Rick Perry and Michelle Bachman have been taking a hit. However, Cain seems to be the only candidate capable of maintaining a stable rate in the polls and is now leading them. Citizens around the country can identify with him, as he speaks in such a way that is understandable and is much more easily able to relate to the majority of the American public than his opponents.

Herman Cain's unconventional approach is outlined in his economic plan, coined the 9-9-9

Plan. This plan would completely revamp the tax system as we know it.

The criticisms of this plan stems from doubt as to whether or not it would prove effective or even be a realistic attempt due to the uncharted waters this plan would carry our economy into.

The ideals of the plan however, give the American public an understanding of how Cain wants to change the system and just how he might go about doing that.

VIEWPOINTS

Pho Kim Does Not Impress

Steven Finley
Sports Editor

Pho Kim Does Not Impress

On Kings Highway sits a tiny new Vietnamese restaurant called Pho Kim. This new eating establishment took the place of another far less known place known as The Lazy Fisherman. The Lazy Fisherman, before closing last year, was known for its signature dish, the peanut butter burger. This place quickly went out of business and was eventually taken over by Pho Kim.

Pho Kim has sadly not been performing that well, either. Upon entering the building, the first thing that can be noticed is the lack of space. The building that is now Pho Kim used to be

a fast food restaurant long before it was The Lazy Fisherman. This makes for very little eating space and feels quite cramped.

This was not the only problem that the restaurant had. Upon opening the menu it was noticed that some of the menu was crossed out with pen marks. When asking if I could have an item from one of these portions of the menu, they informed me that those were unavailable due to a lack of cooking equipment needed to cook my desired order. Unfortunately, I had to order something else.

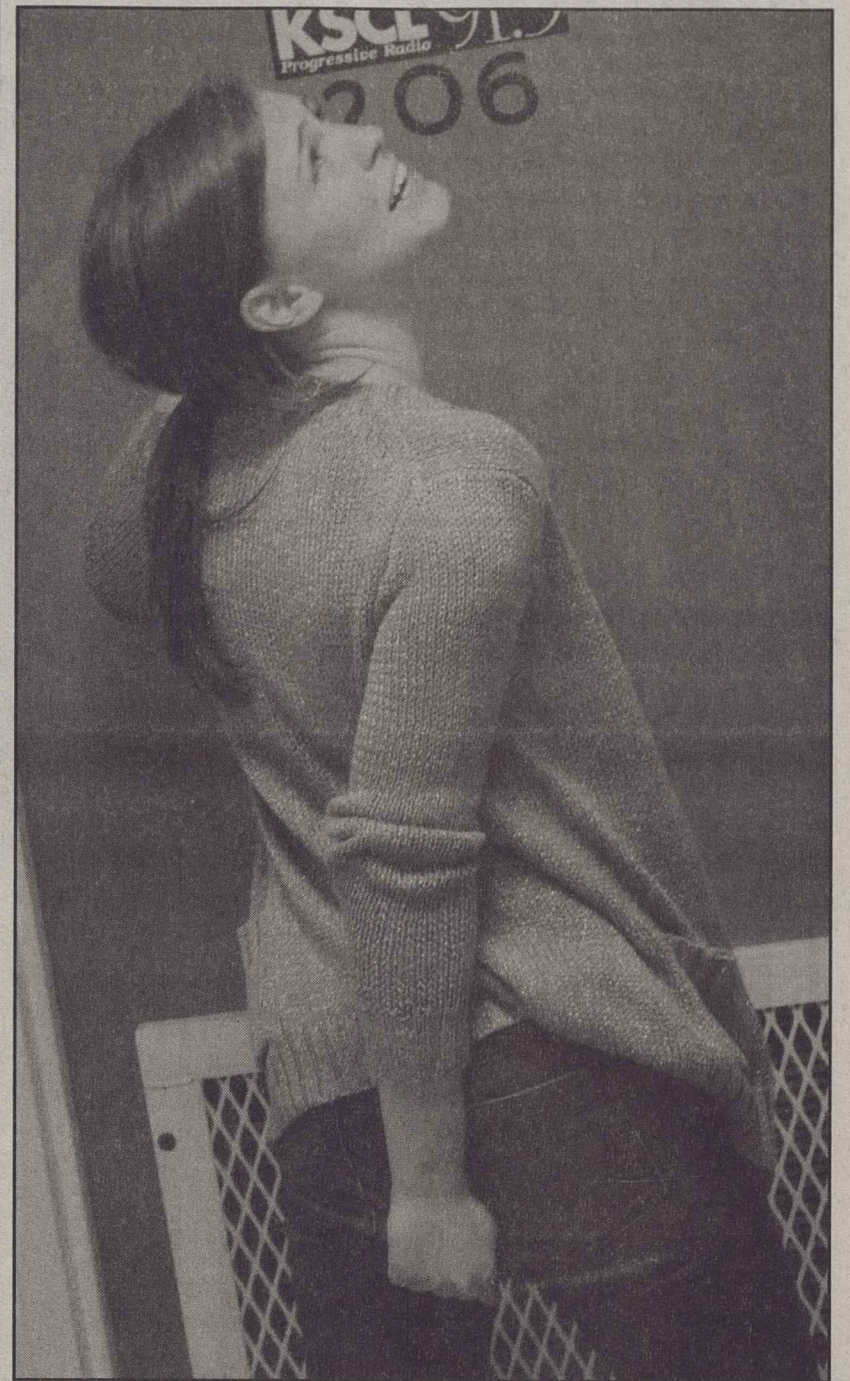
At this point, I was still willing to give them a chance, as I hadn't tried the food yet. After ordering my steamed rice with grilled pork, I then proceeded

to wait a good thirty minutes just to get my food. Obviously at this point, I was irritated and just wanted to eat. The disappointment continued though as I bit into my food. It wasn't the worst food I had ever had, but it was by far not the greatest. It was at best decent.

I will admit this place has potential. There needs to be great improvements though. Maybe when they get the rest of their cooking equipment they will start picking up. Unless the Pho Kim owners do something their restaurant will not survive there for long with the multitude of different similar restaurants spread throughout the area around Centenary.



A Million Reasons: Don't Get Your Panties in a Wad



Hadley Million
Layout Editor

Over the past few weeks I've experienced the phenomenon I fondly refer to as "getting my panties in a wad". I'm sure many of you have heard this reference, and I'm absolutely certain many of you have experienced this less-than-delightful occurrence.

For example, signing up for classes seems to induce people's panties wadding up. I've heard screams from across campus, soft mumbles during class, and sad whispers in my sleep.

No one can seem to manage to fit all the classes they want into one semester and the new course changes that are about to ensue seem to be making everyone feel as if their rigorous coursework is doomed.

Let's not forget the most intense panty wads seem to be coming from all the moaning and groaning seniors. Graduation seems to be right around the corner, or at least closer than most would like to realize. Frantic runs to computers to check GRE scores and graduate school applications have left me alone in hallways and various dark locations across campus. It doesn't help that many seniors' jaws are dropping when they realize their majors that ceased to exist in 2009 were supposed to be declared a year before they decided to declare it.

With the end of a semester approaching, many homework-induced illnesses begin to occur. The majority of my friends have disappeared never to be seen until I enter the confines of their room doused in complete darkness. In fact, this happened just the other week. When I pleaded to turn the light on because I couldn't see where I was walking, I received tight-lipped remarks insisting that the darkness re-

main because it was symbolic of the way they perceived their life at the given moment. I resorted to turning on a lamp too multiple dirty looks and muttered curse words.

One of the most prevalent panty wadding incidents happens to be when things don't go your way. Like when you're wallmates are too loud and you politely ask them to be quiet only to be greeted by the monstrous sounds of what you believe to be elephants because no human being could make such a sound.

Or how about when you really wanted that paycheck you were supposed to get to pay your phone bill but sadly the person in charge of putting your check in your PO Box decides to go on vacation.

As I have learned, getting my panties in a wad doesn't really resolve anything. It just seems to make me more stressed and dramatic and makes everything else that happens afterwards even more foreboding.

If you happen to be experiencing a bout of the panty wads like I have over the few past weeks, I would encourage taking a step back and calming down. You could always pretend like nothing's bothering you, because I know your roommate is a really nice guy is probably tired of the bitching and probably has his own panty waddage to worry about.

If we all gave each other time to pull our panty wads out of our butts I'm sure we could finish out this year without biting each other's heads off or worse, murdering someone because they forgot about your light sensitivity when they entered your cave of a room and turned the lights on.

Student Resource Center



Subjects	Tutors	Day and Times	
Accounting	Andrea Violet	Sunday	9-11pm
		Tuesday	9-10pm
		Thursday	9-10pm
Biology	Samantha Gray	Monday	2:15-4pm
		Wednesday	5-7pm
		Matthew Ursua	Sunday 5-6:30pm
"Location-Mickle Hall Student Room"	Charles Madden	Tuesday	11-12pm
		Wednesday	7-9pm
		Sunday	3-5pm
"Location-Mickle Hall Student Room"	Todd Lafarlette	Tuesday	11:30-12:30pm
		Wednesday	7-9pm
		Monday	7-9pm
Economics	Gerhard T. Funk	Wednesday	7-9pm
Physics		Thursday	7-10pm
Religious Studies	Lauren Rogers	Thursday	2-5pm
Sociology	Elizabeth Rosselli	Sunday	7-9pm
		Wednesday	7-9pm
Writing(English)	Corinne Cormier	Sunday	9-10pm
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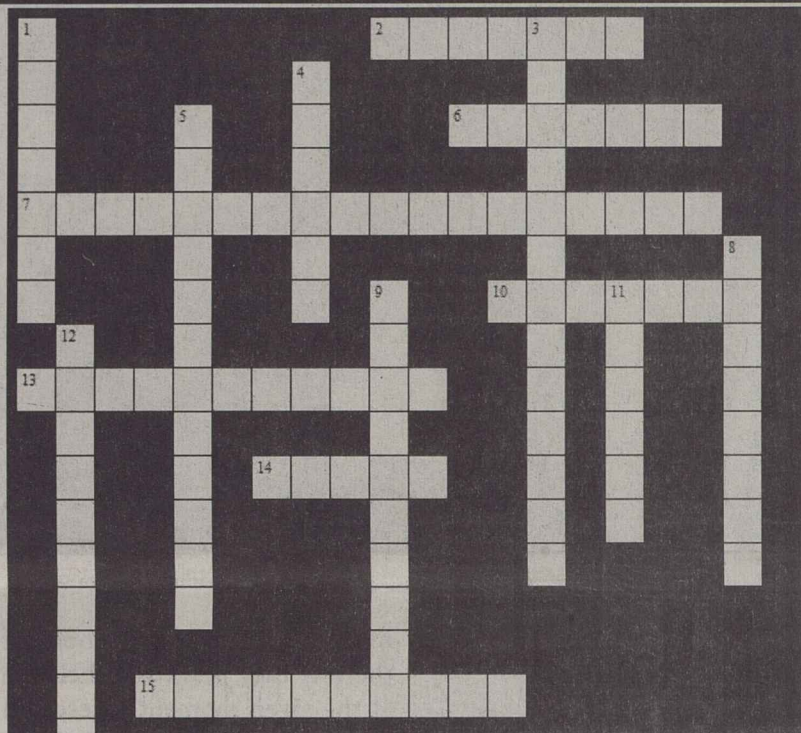
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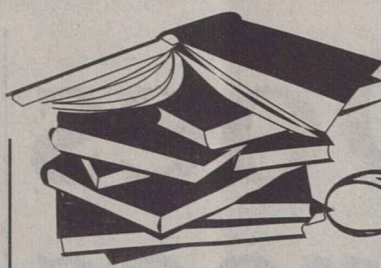
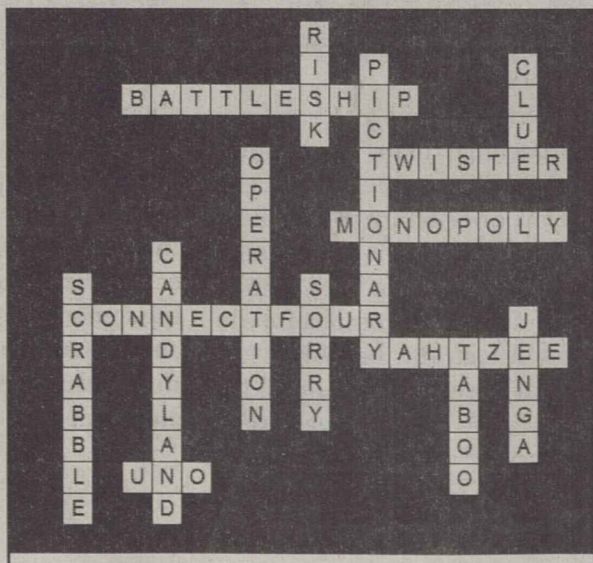
- 4 The classic naval combat game.
6 A game that ties you up in knots.
7 The world's most popular board game.
11 The vertical checkers game.
13 The classic shake and score dice game.
15 The colored card game.

DOWN

- 1 The game of global domination.
2 A game of quick draw.
3 An unsolved mystery with the usual suspects.
5 Skill game where you are the doctor.
8 A child's first game.
9 Crossword game.
10 The game of sweet revenge.
12 The ultimate stacking game.
14 The game of unspeakable fun.

Answers : Issue Seven

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Literary

"The Mickle Monster"

by Christian Prince

When the moon is high and
stars gleam across the sky,

The Mickle Monster unleashes
its hellish cry.

While those around shutter in
fear of its eerie sound,

Running as fast as they can, they
escape this haunted ground!

Want to contribute one of
your works to literary corner?

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Horoscopes

Aries- Airsoft gun blows are in your future. Avoid any areas outside that aren't heavily covered with greenery. Perhaps wear things that are especially padded and camouflaged so you can make it through the week unscathed.

Taurus- Try a new hobby this week. Collect stamps, buy multiple pairs of shoes, scrap book, collect bugs, whichever you like. You're especially gifted at being thrifty this week so make sure to take advantage of that time.

Gemini- Gremlins seem to be on the prowl around you wherever you go. Instead of being alarmed try to look at things positively and be grateful someone is following you. Who knows, you may get lucky and find twenty dollars on the ground which will be way more exciting than reading this horoscope.

Cancer- Chipper describes your mood this week. Nothing can get you down. Except for that bad test grade that you spent all last week trying to study for. Fear not, the good test grade

fairies will be on your side next week. As for the bad test grade, consider investing in a disco ball to dance your stress away.

Leo- Lounging is in he cards for you this week. Anything that seems loungeable feel free to lounge away in. If someone has something particularly nasty to say simply turn the other cheek. Everyone will be jealous of your newly developed skill of napping in public.

Virgo- Vengeful tendencies arise from you this week. If you see someone getting acknowledged for you hard work, try to be humble and modest rather than jealous. Lay low from physical contact with anyone. Vengeance will become too sweet if you act on these lustful urges.

Libra- Your liver is sparkling. This is especially amazing considering last week was Halloween Party central and the majority of people on campus are experiencing liver damage. With your perfectly working organs perhaps go on a nice jog

Hadley Million

and lift some weights so you can achieve your full potential.

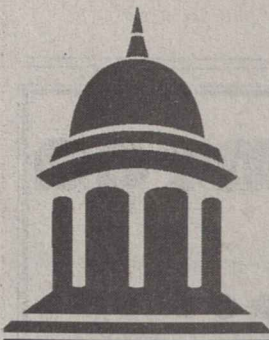
Scorpio- Skating is what you will find yourself doing this week. It can be ice skating, concrete skating, any sort of skating you set your mind to. Try to avoid rolling over acorns.

Sagittarius- Slap those who get in your way this week. You have no patience or time for their worthless yammering. You're on a mission this week and no one needs to get in your way.

Capricorn- Beware of head on collisions this week. This may be on the road or on the sidewalk. It may be best to avoid areas with heavy traffic. Don't trust the boy in blue.

Aquarius- You find this week that you have the youthful glow that deceives your age. Take advantage of this glow and use it to stalk your love interest. This interest may turn into a serious romance.

Pisces- People are afraid of you and they should be. You're self confidence oozes along with your beauty.



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"Maroon and White" Homecoming a Huge Success



Courtesy of Lindsey Maurice-Walker

Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

Centenary has had its fair share of changes in recent years, but as the saying goes, "change can be good."

One change this year that raised eyebrows was moving homecoming from the spring to the fall semester. In the past, homecoming was held in the spring, usually during the basketball season. This year homecoming was being held in the fall and would still feature traditional contests, while introducing or including new ones like "Unparade" and Choir's "Rhapsody in View" concert.

The Student Government Association (SGA) sponsored homecoming, and publicity was huge hit with posters, save the date magnets, and yard signs being displayed early and often to alert people of the new changes.

Homecoming had many events for the students, faculty, staff, and alumni. These events included competitions in which designated judges voted on the top three small and large organizations. A small organization was a group of 15 people or less. Over 22 organizations participated in homecoming this year.

Large organizations included: Alpha Epsilon Delta, Centenary Activities Board, Chi Omega, Centenary College Choir, Gymnastics Team, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Maroon Jackets, Media Organizations, Omicron Delta Kappa, Outreach,

Rotaract, Sigma Alpha Iota, Theta Chi, and Zeta Tau Alpha.

Representing the small organizations were: Big Event, Conclave, Religious Life, Speech & Debate, Secular Student Association, and Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Kendall Hughes, the Executive President of SGA who was in charge of homecoming this year, "was super excited to see so many organizations, especially new ones, participate in homecoming this year."

Homecoming kicked off with a traditional event, the window painting competition, on Wednesday, Nov. 2 in the cafeteria. This event drew huge crowds as usual, and all participating organizations were assigned a window to paint a maroon and white representation of their organization. Religious Life won the "golden paintbrush" for this event on the small organization side. The Chi Omega's won first out of the large organizations.

On Thursday, Nov. 3, the faculty/staff faced off against students in a dodgeball game. It was an intense set of games, and everyone who participated had a lot of fun. Freshman Jeremy Hall was the student MVP and Dr. Parker was MVP for faculty/staff and each received a golden ball for their efforts.

Friday, Nov. 4 featured another homecoming tradition, the gumbo cook-off, in which organizations cooked a gumbo in hopes of pleasing the taste-testing judges. It's a great event

for people to come together and of course get delicious free gumbo in the process. The overall winners for large and small organizations for this were Theta Chi and Tau Kappa Epsilon respectively.

Saturday, Nov. 5 was when things changed up a little bit and new events got introduced. The day started with the "Un-parade." In the past, organizations would build floats and have a parade around campus. This year, organizations were provided a "puzzle piece" and supplies to decorate on the board. The Speech and Debate team won for the small organization, while Theta Chi took home the "golden paintbrush" for the large organization category.

Students then got to look at the displays on Mayo field that day at the alumni soccer game. After organizational representatives got their puzzle pieces propped up, they could join the tailgate in the Gold Dome parking lot, grill-out, and listen to the musical stylings of two alumni musical artists: T.D. McMurray and Three Day Weekend.

Athletics was still the focus of Saturday, with several events going on in different sports. The day started with a men and women's basketball intrasquad match-up. The swim team then took on Henderson State.

Later in the day there was both a men's and women's soccer alumni game and an alumni baseball game.

At halftime of the men's

soccer game, the homecoming court was presented. Juniors Kendall Hughes and Josh Atkins were announced as homecoming queen and king. Also announced were Crystal Birdsong and Charles Madden for Princess and Prince. Thomas Keys won Duke and Duchess went to Isadora Bickham.

The overall winners for organizations were announced as well. Winning overall out of the small organizations was Religious Life, receiving \$150 and a trophy. Speech and Debate and Big Event finished second and third and got \$100 and \$50 respectively. The large group overall winner is Chi Omega, followed by ZTA and Theta Chi for a close second and third finish.

Freshman Laura Croteau said, "[Homecoming] was really awesome and got people spirited. My favorite event was the gumbo cook-off."

Junior Isadora Bickham added, "It was wonderful to see everyone come together in Maroon and White and show their school pride."

After the soccer game on Saturday, the Centenary Choir's Rhapsody Concert opened that night and on Sunday afternoon. This event has been a big traditional event that brings in many alumni. It was also the 70th year anniversary for Rhapsody, and Saturday night had a special surprise for the audience. Many alumni who had participated in the Centenary Choir when they were students, joined in and created a stage full of people from all the generations of choir in the second half that night.

Many students and alumni were able to attend this popular event, so it just made the weekend that much more exciting. The theme for homecoming this year was "Maroon and White Pride Since 1825," and that summed up how many people felt during the events.

Director of Student Involvement, Ashlie Daigle, said, "First fall homecoming was a success. It was great to bring together students, faculty/staff, family, choir, and alumni to celebrate as a big centenary community."

It seems that homecoming was very popular this year and will probably be continued to be held in the fall in the future.

"Anne Frank and America" Lecture at Centenary

Wilborn Nobles III
News Editor

In keeping with tradition, Centenary College and the Van Thyn Professorship Donors held a lecture called "Anne Frank and America" on November 9 in the Kilpatrick Auditorium in the Smith building. Dr. Lisa Nicoletti, an art professor at Centenary, was the speaker and has spent years at different sites of the Holocaust including the house of Anne Frank.

Held on the anniversary of Kristallnacht, the night where Jews were attacked throughout Nazi Germany in 1938, Dr. Nicoletti discusses how Americans have taken Anne Frank's story and established her as the "poster child for the Holocaust."

During the lecture, Dr. Nicoletti addresses the various efforts that Anne Frank's father, Otto Frank, tried in order to escape from Nazi Germany.

Most of the difficulty in escaping to the United States had to do with the States' decision to restrict immigrants from entering the country. Visas that once allowed immigrants to come into the country were invalid, and Americans even posted signs that were very anti-semantic. Furthermore, polls dating back to 1939, a vast number of Americans were against having immigrants come into the States before or after the war.

Dr. Nicoletti suggests that the Anne Frank people are familiar

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Letter from the Editor: “Spend some, help someone”

Ashley Lynch
Editor in Chief

Several organizations have been asking for our extra dollars over the past few weeks, and, while it can seem like an overload of spending in a short amount of time, all of them support excellent causes. Here's a glimpse at some of the fundraising initiatives that have just ended or started:

Zeta Tau Alpha wrapped up their month of philanthropy with the “Pink Bean” coffee house this past Friday, a night of music and coffee to raise money for breast cancer education and awareness. Tickets were \$5.

The Choir's annual “Rhapsody in View” concert took place this past Sunday. Tickets were \$10, and funds raised were split between the Choir and the Shreveport Lion's Club, a service organization that supports sight conservation and eye health (among other projects).

Sexton Hall Council hosted a bake sale this past Monday. Money collected from sales will go toward purchasing children's books for The Arc Learning Center of Caddo-Bossier.

The executive committee of The BIG Event, an annual spring semester community renewal project, have been hosting a week of fundraising to raise awareness of the event. Students have been donating money to “Pie-A-Professor” or mentioning “The

Big Event” if they visited Cane's on Wednesday from 4p-9p to help raise funds for the project.

Chi Omega is hosting their annual “Make-A-Wish” auction this Saturday to raise money for Benjamin, a seven year old boy with Leigh's disease whose wish is to own a crooked house playset. Tickets to the event are \$5, and they've also been selling “wishes” in the cafeteria for \$1.

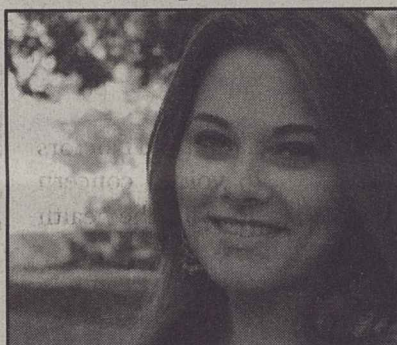
Schools for Schools held “Trick-or-Treat for Change” and is currently pushing their program, “Hair Comes Santa Clause,” to raise money for the Invisible Children frontline campaign, which supports schools in Uganda and contribute toward building radio towers in LRA affected communities as well as the Congo's first child soldier rehabilitation center. All donations accepted.

These aren't, and certainly won't be, the only fundraising programs for this semester, but the push for sales has put a hole in many students' wallets.

My suggestion: If you can't afford everything, try to afford something. If all you have is a little extra change to spare, support a bake sale or a non-ticket event—purchase a wish, even. It's understandable that some of us might not have the funds to support every fundraising event, but helping out is better than not helping at all—after all, your support isn't just helping some thing, but someone.

Question of the Week

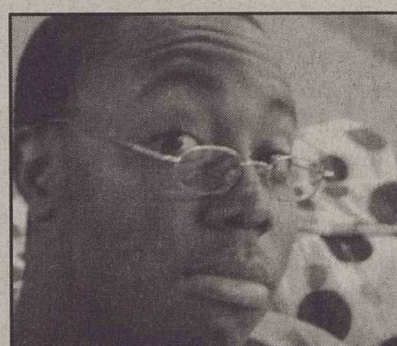
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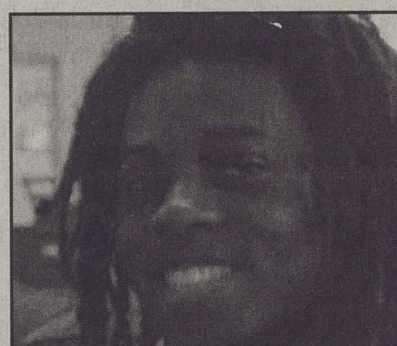
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Cara Lamb, Sophomore



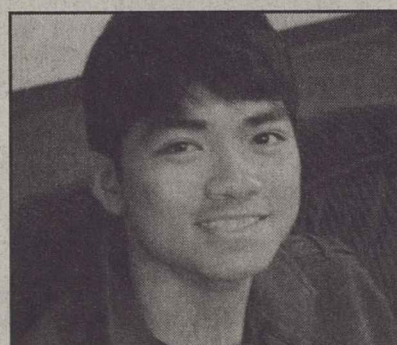
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Cassie Warden, Sophomore



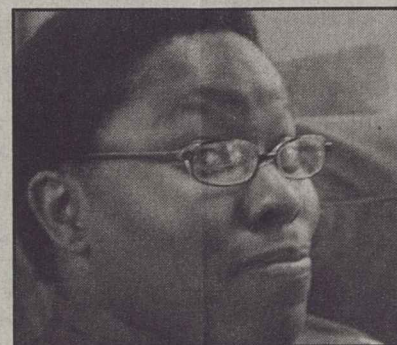
Justin Bieber
Chris Youngblood, Junior



Yaco
David Cash, Sophomore



Sedlack
Michael Nguyen, Freshman



Dr. Chirhart.
Smarra Kinchen, Junior

Alpha Psi Omega presents ... Open Mic Night

Monday, November 14th
@ Marjorie Lyons Playhouse

Admission: \$3

Come enjoy a night of live entertainment provided by Centenary students with the comfort of snacky goodness, such as cookies and coffee!

If you would like to perform for Open Mic Night, you can either sign up in the SUB or you can send an e-mail to Lauren Morrison (lmorriso@my.centenary.edu) or Emily Slazer (leslazer@my.centenary.edu).

You can sing a song, perform a monologue, do some stand-up comedy, or read some poetry. The possibilities are endless! More information will be provided to those who sign up.

UPs & DOWNS



Five Women Wearing the Same Dress

Opens this weekend!! So stoked!



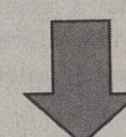
Maroon & White Homecoming

Everyone rocked their Maroon & White, and the t-shirts are awesome!



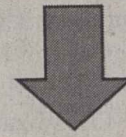
Rhapsody

Way-to-go, Choir!



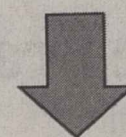
Heaters on in the Res Halls

We love it when it's eighty degrees outside AND inside.



People getting sick

Keep your coughs away from me!



Finals exams are nearing

It's looming over us...

Fitness Center Classes

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7:00 am	-	-	Yoga	-
7:15 am	-	Total Body	-	Total Body
11:15 am	-	ABS	-	ABS
Noon	Pilates	Yoga	Pilates	Yoga
4:35 pm	-	-	-	-
5:00 pm	-	-	Boot Camp	-
5:30 pm	-	Cycling	-	Turbo Kick
6:00 pm	Zumba	-	Zumba	-

Fall Hours

Mon-Thu: 6am - 10pm
Fri: 6am - 6pm
Sat: Noon - 6pm
Sun: 2pm - 6pm

Pool Hours

Mon-Fri: 11am - 2pm
Mon Night: 8pm - 10pm
Wed Night: 6pm - 10pm
Sat & Sun: 2pm - 6pm

NEWS

Mississippi Fails to Pass Amendment 26 to stop Abortion and Cloning

Madelin Fechter
Viewpoints Editor

Mississippi's "Personhood Amendment" self-imploded and succumbed to an unexpected defeat last Tuesday, November 8.

According to personhoodmississippi.com, Amendment 26, the Mississippi Personhood Amendment, was a citizens initiative to amend the Mississippi Constitution to define personhood as beginning at fertilization or "the functional equivalent thereof." Its purpose was to protect all life, regardless of age, health, function, physical or mental dependency, or method of reproduction. The entire proposed Amendment is as follows:

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Mississippi: SECTION 1. Article III of the constitution of the state of Mississippi is hereby amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION TO READ: Section 33. Person defined. As used in this Article III of the state constitution, "The term 'person' or 'persons' shall include every human being from the moment of fertilization, cloning or the functional equivalent thereof." This initiative shall not require any additional revenue for implementation.

The official website explains that the inclusion of the word cloning in the proposed Amendment does not in any way condone cloning. There will be an entire section on the website posted soon explaining why this wording is necessary and answering any questions.

Those in support of the



amendment were required to collect and certify 89,285 certified signatures from registered voters (equally divided throughout the state of Mississippi). They far exceeded this requirement - collecting well over 130,000 and having over 106,000 certified.

On November 8, Mississippi had the opportunity to vote on the initiative. If the majority of the people voting had vote in favor of Amendment 26, abortion would have been outlawed in Mississippi state; cloning and other forms of research in this regard would have been effectively stopped; and a challenge would have been set up to Roe v Wade.

While the content of Amendment 26 and what it does in law is quite simple, its effects could have been severe.

If the majority of Mississippians voted in favor on Amendment 26, human beings have rights upon fertilization. In humans, offspring are called embryos until about eight weeks after fertilization (i.e. ten weeks Last Menstrual Period or LMP), and from then it is instead called a fetus. Upon success of this amendment, abortion would have been outlawed and all human cloning and embryo stem cell research would be effectively stopped.

An amendment of this nature is by necessity not overly broad and does not even attempt to deal with every possible scenario. The legislature and the courts would have had to wrestle with the application of the law to specific circumstances, including in vitro fertilization, stem cell

research, some forms of birth control, embryo adoption, and many more areas. All could have been touched by this law, but none are directly addressed.

An area of particular concern for the amendment opponents is that it doesn't provide exception for victims of rape or incest who wish to terminate their pregnancy. Many states have varying bans on abortions but allow exceptions for such circumstances.

The Mississippi State Medical Association and Doctors Against MS 26 voiced concern about implications for the health care of women as well as their ability to practice medicine. At parentsagainstms26.com, they examine the repercussions of women with ectopic pregnancies.

An ectopic pregnancy is

a complication of pregnancy in which the embryo implants outside the uterine cavity. With rare exceptions, ectopic pregnancies are not viable. Furthermore, they are dangerous for the parent, since internal hemorrhage is a life threatening complication.

The parentsagainstms26.com, claims that the Yes On 26 campaign "won't prevent doctors from saving women's lives in the 'hard case where the baby is unviable.' However, there is a great deal of uncertainty about which treatments would and wouldn't be available."

There is good reason to believe that 26 would have prevented physicians from using non-surgical or fertility-preserving treatment for ectopic pregnancy. This complication, if the initiative passed, is only one of many life threatening issues during pregnancy that could have fatal effects on a mother's life.

Personhood supporters made the claim that doctors "would be required to save both lives if possible". In pro-life hospitals around the US, this is already interpreted in ways which threaten women's lives and physical health, even when it is clear that there is no hope to save the pregnancy.

These are key reasons why the Mississippi Section of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Mississippi State Medical Association, and Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi did not support Initiative 26.

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iar with from the media is probably very different from the one that worked in Auschwitz.

Anne Frank intended to release her diary to the public after hearing a radio report asking for civilians to record their experiences in a diary. Unfortunately, Anne could never edit her diary in the manner she desired due to being captured and taken into a concentration camp to die. With this knowledge, Dr. Nicoletti reminds the audience that if Anne would have survived, she would have probably edited the manuscript.

"This is probably not the draft she would've chosen," said Dr. Nicoletti, "if she had survived."

After her father finds and publishes the diary, many artists made films and plays that recre-

ated Anne's experience. Dr. Nicoletti shows clips of trailers that present Anne Frank as a girl that believes "people are really good at heart," but she suggests that this attitude was established as a result of the movies and plays that took her experience and presented it in a brighter tone. However, Dr. Nicoletti believes the time that Anne spent in hiding and in Auschwitz changed her a lot.

"She was a totally different person than we have come to think of her," said Dr. Nicoletti.

After the lecture, the audience applauded Dr. Nicoletti and expressed their appreciation for her presentation.

"The people have to keep their eyes open," said Kathy Planete, a woman whose family resided in Nazi Germany.

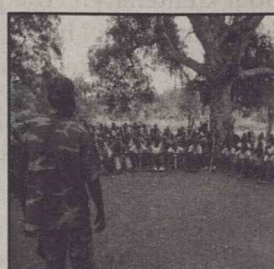
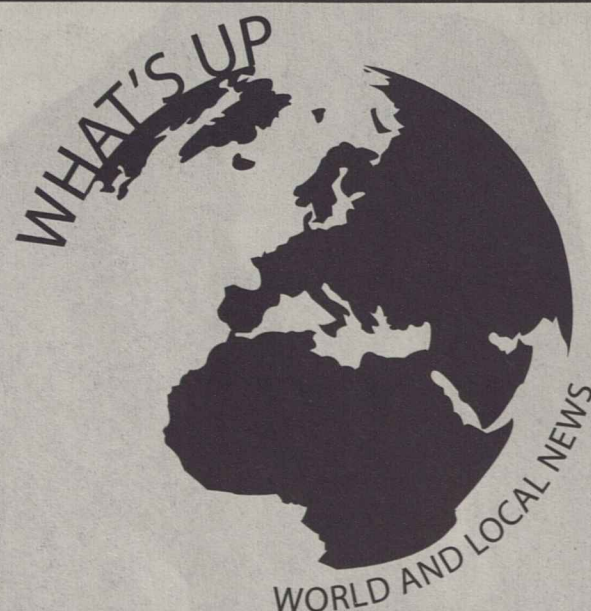
Through the hard work of her grandfather, Kathy's family escaped Germany in 1938. For years, Kathy has studied the history of the Holocaust and was very pleased to attend the lecture. Likewise, junior student Christopher Lake said the lecture was very educational for him.

"I've learned a lot about Anne Frank that I didn't know," said Lake.

This lecture series is in honor of the late Rose and Louis Thyn, Holocaust survivors who retold their experiences so future generations would never forget those horrors. To continue their tradition of retelling the past, Centenary plans to host several additional events that focus on the Holocaust. Those interested in learning about future events can contact Dr. Nicoletti at lnicolet@centenary.edu.

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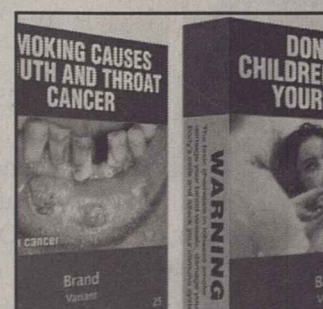


Iran Nuclear Power

World powers expressed alarm at a critical report documenting Iran's progress toward making a nuclear bomb. Iran's nuclear program is more ambitious and structured, and more progress has been made than before.

Sudan Hospital

The only hospital on the border between Sudan and South Sudan is running short of supplies as rebels menace oil fields in the region.



Smoking

A federal judge on Monday blocked implementation of a law that would have mandated tobacco companies include on cigarette packages graphic pictures and messages showing the dangers of smoking.

NEWS

Ladies and Gents: Then and Now

Christopher Youngblood
Staff Writer

Last week Centenary's Alumni were able to show their Maroon and White pride as they attended the events of Homecoming. Current students had the chance to meet those who once walked this campus just as they are doing now. Here are just a few of those proud alumni and what they are doing now:

Dina Abo-Zahrah

Attended Centenary: 2006-2010

Major: Math

Organizations: Hall Council (Sexton, President)

What was your favorite thing about Centenary? The people definitely; my friends and the professors

Favorite teacher: Dr. Prickett

Since graduated Centenary?

Attends LaTech for her Masters in Statistics



Jerry Ore

Attended Centenary: 1952-1956

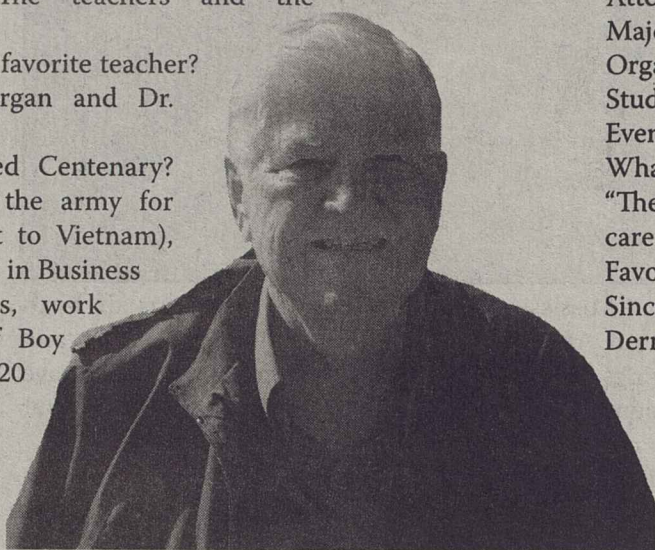
Organizations: Basketball, KE, ROTC

What was your favorite thing about Centenary? "The teachers and the students"

Who was your favorite teacher? Tied (Dr. Morgan and Dr. Spears)

Since graduated Centenary?

Lieutenant in the army for 23 years (went to Vietnam), earn his master in Business Administrations, work as Director of Boy Scouts for 20 years.



John Ashley

Attended Centenary: 2007-2011

Major: Biochemistry

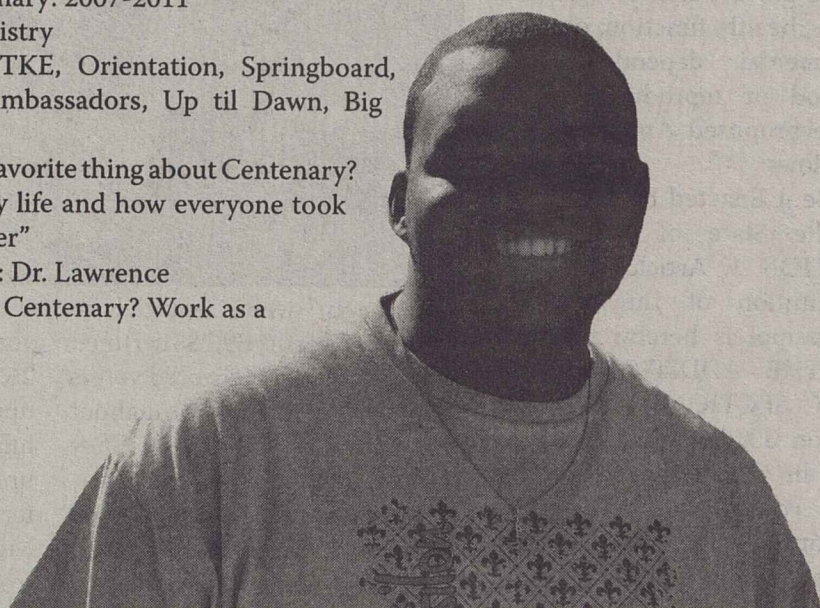
Organizations: TKE, Orientation, Springboard, Student Life, Ambassadors, Up til Dawn, Big Event

What was your favorite thing about Centenary?

"The community life and how everyone took care of each other"

Favorite teacher: Dr. Lawrence

Since graduated Centenary? Work as a Dermatologist



Alumni Spotlight

Patty Owen Lindsey

Attended Centenary: 1956-1960

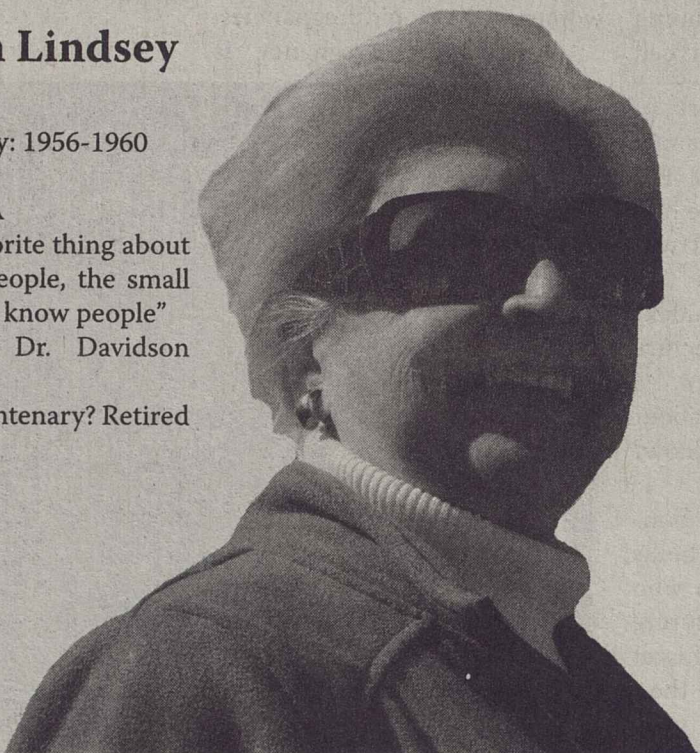
Major: Education

Organizations: ZTA

What was your favorite thing about Centenary? "The people, the small size, that you got to know people"

Favorite Teacher: Dr. Davidson (History teacher)

Since graduated Centenary? Retired teacher



Kim Meeder

Attended Centenary: 1991-1995

Major: Education

Organizations: ZTA, Maroon Jackets, SGA, ODK

What was your favorite thing about Centenary? "Small classes; personal attention"

Favorite teacher: Dr. Grunes

Since graduated Centenary? Assistant principal at Elm Grove Elementary



Michael Hiller

Attended Centenary: 2007-2011

Major: Accounting and Business Administration

Organizations/Clubs: KA, SGA, Lacrosse, PBL

What was your favorite thing about Centenary? "The great friends I made and the awesome teachers; the fun nights I had."

Since graduated Centenary? Attends graduate school in Millsaps College for his Master in Accounting



Katie Loomis

Attended Centenary: 1995-1999, 05(MAT)

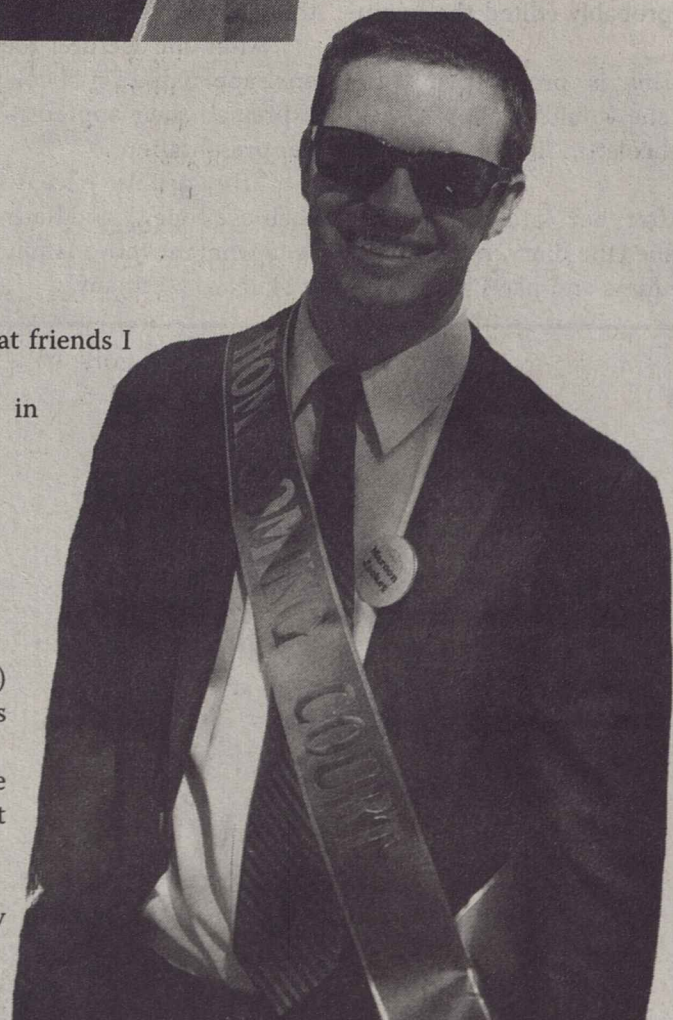
Major: Communications: Professional Writing; MAT (2005)

Organizations: ZTA, SGA, CAB, Forensic Club, Mass Comm. Club, Ambassadors, and RHA

What was your favorite thing about Centenary? "The community; getting the chance to meet different people"

Favorite Teacher: Dr. Newtown

Since graduated Centenary? An Elementary school librarian in Shreveport



A&E

70th Annual "Rhapsody in View": *An American Homecoming*

Zoe McSwain
Staff Writer

The Centenary College Choir performed in their 70th annual "Rhapsody in View" on November 5 at 7:30 p.m. and November 6 at 2:30 p.m. at the Riverview Theatre. The concert, which was themed "An American Homecoming" was a huge success.

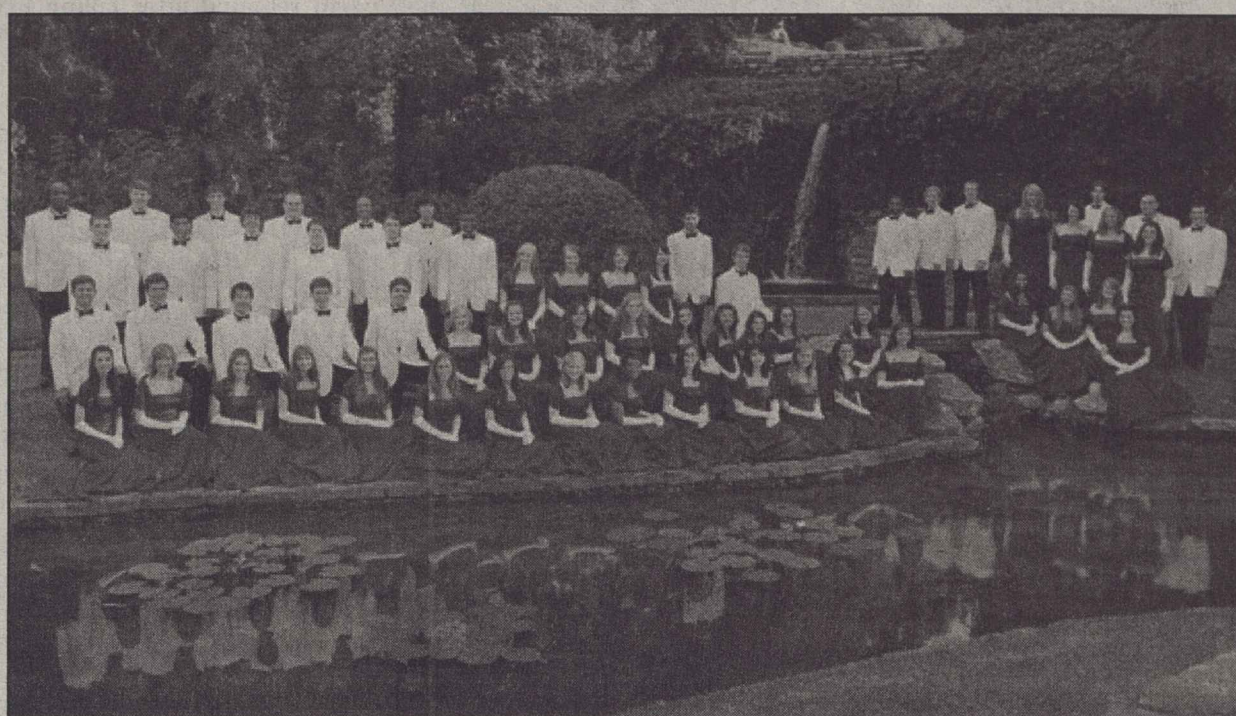
This year's "Rhapsody" was a bit different from those in the past. Since it was a very special anniversary year, all Centenary College Choir alumni were invited to sing with the current choir during the second half of the show.

The first half of Rhapsody featured the current choir singing many pieces by beloved American composers, such as Aaron Copland's "Zion's Walls,"

Eric Whitacre's "Water Night," Moses Hogan's arrangement of "Joshua Fit the Battle," and a beautiful "West Side Story" medley among others. After the first act, there was a short intermission followed by two break pieces.

For both performances, juniors Sarah Merino and Amanda Hock and sophomore Camryn Miller performed "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," originally sung by the Andrews Sisters. Senior Adrien May also played a beautiful violin piece on Saturday night, and Ruben Reyes played a piano piece on Sunday afternoon.

The second half of the concert featured current choir members and alumni singing a variety of pieces including traditional choir songs and newer pieces. Four traditional choir



songs were sung: "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place," "Tenebrae Factae Sunt," "Dry Bones," and "The Lord Bless You and Keep

You." Also performed were a special "Salute to the Armed Forces," Joseph Martin's "The Awakening," and John Rutter's

arrangement of "The Saints Go Marching In."

Opening Night at the Shreveport Opera: *The Merry Widow*



Taylor Hairston
Staff Writer

The Shreveport Opera Company made a fantastic choice to open its 63rd season with *The Merry Widow*, a three-act operetta by Franz Lehar. Performed at Shreveport Riverview Theatre on October 29, 2011, this comic operetta appealed to both music and theater lovers as it featured outstanding singing, accompanied by the great Shreveport Symphony, in between well executed acting, dialogue, and sets.

The story, as a sort of romantic comedy, revolves around the widow Hanna Glawari, who is making her first public appearance since the death of her wealthy husband. At her fictional country of Pontevedro's Embassy in Paris, the widow, played by Katrina Thurman of New York, is the party's guest of honor and relishes in the attention of basically every man that desires her hand in marriage. Yet, there is more at stake here than marriage. The country of Pontevedro is bankrupt and needs the widow's fortune to remain in the principality. Therefore, she must marry a Pontevedrian. To ensure this, Baron Zeta, a Pontevedrian ambassador to Paris, plots for the very important yet promis-

cuous Count Danilo, played by Matthew Mayes, to marry her. Through celebration, trickery, dancing, suspicious husbands, and love affairs that reveal a secret past between Hanna and Count Danilo, this operetta unfolds into a tremendous performance by all involved.

On stage, under direction of Dean Anthony, who also took on the role of the quirky secretary Njegus, the story addresses many issues still relevant today, such as struggling economies, love and its challenges, tension between men and women, and others expressed through comedy and fun. Actors, set designers, costumers, and choreographers took all of these issues and made the world of the Pontevedrians seem like a reality. With flashy costumes, spirited actors, and elaborate sets, this "merry" production is interesting too look at as well as being and impressive performance. Much of the visuals, paired with ability of these actors to embody these roles, help make this show a success.

Just as important as the action onstage, the Symphony's music, under the baton of conductor Jerome Shannon, accurately and excitingly helped the show along. With very lively songs, featuring waltzes and

other pieces that remind a listener of marching bands, both characteristic of Lehar, the orchestra captured the energetic, more playful parts of the show. This is seen in the famous "Merry Widow Waltz," and in the song "Maxims" in which baritone Michael Mayes, as Count Danilo, boasts about women and his favorite cabaret. At the other end of the spectrum, the strings and woodwinds shine as they support Thurman's sparkling voice in the bittersweet "Vijla Song." To add the performance, the Shreveport Symphony includes Centenary's very own Thomas Hundemer, Todd Gabriel, Sally Horak, Chandler Teague, Dan Sanctelices, and others.

For the opening night of the season, *The Merry Widow* was certainly festive, comedic, and enthusiastic way to begin an expectantly successful season. It exemplified all great aspects and abilities of the Shreveport Opera and Symphony. Hopefully, it will be performed again soon.

Upcoming performances by these two highly recommended groups include the Shreveport Symphony's Cirque de la Symphonique on November 12 & 13, as well as the Shreveport Opera's *The Tragedy of Carmen* on February 4, 2012.

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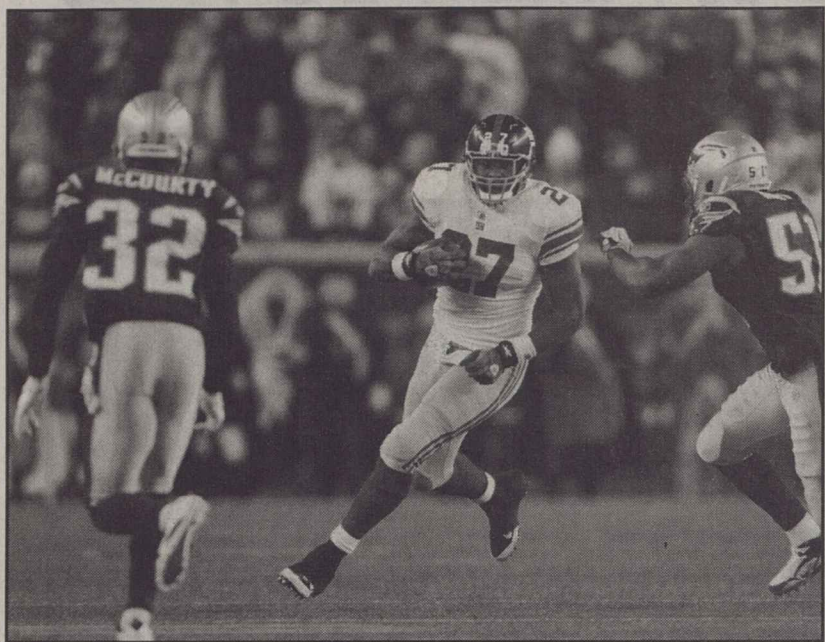
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Footloose
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Now Playing and Coming Soon at The Robinson Film Center:

Road to Nowhere
Midnight in Paris
The Thin Man

SPORTS

Week 9: NFL UPDATE



Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

It's hit the halfway point of the season and the contenders are beginning to stand out from the pretenders.

The Houston Texans continued their great season with a 30-12 win over the Cleveland Browns team. The San Francisco 49ers stayed hot with a 19-11 victory over the Washington Redskins, who have fallen off after a hot start. The Buffalo Bills had a setback however, as they fell to the New York Jets 27-11 at home. While it was not a terrible loss, any loss can hurt a teams' chances of where they finish in

the standings.

The game to watch this week was the New England Patriots against the New York Giants. After falling last week in Pittsburgh, the Pats needed to make a statement. The Giants needed to score with 15 secs. left to gain the lead, and handed the Patriots their second consecutive loss in the regular season with a 24-20.

The Green Bay Packers had a scare this week against the San Diego Chargers but were able to hold onto their perfect record with a 45-38 win. The Baltimore Ravens and Pittsburgh Steelers were a fierce match up with both teams having great records. The

Ravens came out on top in the end with a 23-20 victory and put both teams at two losses for the season.

The New Orleans Saints needed to rebound after falling in St. Louis last week and did that easily with a win over division foe, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 27-16. The St. Louis Rams could not maintain the winning streak and fell to the Arizona Cardinals 19-13 in overtime.

It was a joyous day for the Miami Dolphins as they broke into the winner's column for the first time this season against the Kansas City Chiefs 31-3. The same thing could not be said for the Indianapolis Colts however. They now remain the only team yet to win a game this year. They fell to 0-9 against the Atlanta Falcons, 31-7.

Wrapping up the scoreboard this week was the Dallas Cowboys over the Seattle Sea Hawks 23-13, the Denver Broncos over the Oakland Raiders 38-24, and the Cincinnati Bengals over the Tennessee Titans 24-17. The Chicago Bears played in Philadelphia against the Eagles on Monday as the Eagles try to remain hot. It was another exciting week of football, folks!

Centenaryvs.Henderson Rivalry at its Finest

Kate Rivers
Staff Writer

Taking place on Saturday afternoon, an event that epitomized the idea of swimming rivalry took place in Centenary's own Haynes Fitness Center, and was a meet anyone could regret missing.

Swimming against the Ladies and Gents were the Henderson Reddies, a swim team from Arkadelphia, Arkansas that have long since encouraged motivation within the Centenary Swim Team, not only to win, but to do so with style.

Although the Ladies ended up falling to Henderson, the magnificent win from the Gents coupled with great swims highlighting the afternoon, made the meet quite a success. It was without a doubt one of the most spirited meets of the season, with swimmers and spectators alike rising out of their seats to cheer on the competitors for every exciting event of the meet—some of which were very close matches.

The most prominent swims for the day were six 1st place finishes from the Gents, led by the 200-yard medley relay of Peter Henry, Austin Butler, Devin Ross, and Caleb McSorley with a time of 1:37.46.

Following this event with equal amounts of splendor were the 1st place finishes of Matthew Pittman in the 1000-yard freestyle, Devin Ross in the 50-yard freestyle, Peter Henry in the 100-yard butterfly, and the 200-yard medley relay team of Peter Henry, Austin Butler, Devin Ross, and Caleb McSorley.

Taking the Gents to a final lead in the meet however resulted from a stunningly exciting finish in the 100-yard breaststroke from Centenary's own Chris Kalmbach and Kellen Bullock with a one-two finish, pushing the Gents to a thrilling lead of 106-99 after the last relay was won.

Despite the lack of first-place finishes for the Ladies on Saturday, there were several shining moments that earned top points and highlighted the women's swimming for the day.

Heading up the ladies swimming was Lauren Lassiter with two 2nd place finishes in the 100-yard backstroke and the 200-yard freestyle, with times of 1:01.86 and 2:02.28.

Also competing well and earning second place honors were Christy Wolterman in the 1000-yard freestyle, Michelle Gaubert in the 50-yard freestyle, Hayley Schneider in the 200-yard individual medley, Cassie Cloutet in the 100-yard butterfly, Laura Huning in the 100-yard freestyle, and Ashley Giffen in the 500-yard freestyle.

The Ladies' relays also contributed to the great swims of the day, with both the 200-yard medley relay and 200-yard freestyle relays earning second-place finishes, comprised of Chelsea Russell, Brittany Wilkens, Rachel Olson, and Laura Huning in the medley relay, and Laura Huning, Hayley Schneider, Chelsea Russell, and Allison Jones in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Although the Ladies ended up falling to Henderson by 127-78, it was definitely an exciting and beneficial day of racing.

Even though the meet may not have ended with the teams' goals completely fulfilled, there is still a chance for Centenary Swimming to accomplish their mission of dominating Henderson. As the swimmers prepare themselves for their Conference Championship in February, they will also be preparing for another face off with Henderson, as both teams will be competing in Cleveland, Mississippi.

Centenary swimmer and sophomore Ashley Giffen expresses her own disappointment in the Ladies' loss for the weekend, but also hopes in future opportunities. "We were all super excited that the boys won. Although we (the girls) didn't win, it was still a really good meet; we definitely fought for it. Hopefully, once conference comes around, both the boys and girls teams will be able to beat Henderson."

As the team continues to train and prepare themselves throughout the year, they will return to the competition pool on November 18-19 at the Trinity Shootout in Southlake, Texas. Although they will not compete against Henderson, there is sure to be many exciting races in store for the team, bringing them one step closer to the final competition of the season.

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Meeting the Ladies Basketball Team

Christian Prince
Staff Writer

As November sets in the Ladies' basketball season has begun. With four returning veterans, one transfer student and seven freshmen the Ladies hope to prevail as a dominating presence in the coming season and in their new Division III, American Southwest Conference (ASC).

For the past couple of months the Ladies have been conditioning and preparing for rigorous season play. When official practice began a quick rhythm was found and while some kinks are still being worked on, the team plays well together.

With a large freshman base, getting along effectively has been a necessity. Without the "learning year" most freshmen get, this year's young Ladies will have to step up to the challenge and show that they are here to play. With guidance from the return-

ers and junior transfer they are in great hands.

The Ladies have one senior this year, Houston native Megan Daniel. Daniel is one of the team captains along with junior Jalena Sanders. Daniel and Sanders prove to be leaders time and time again with their hard work ethic and motivational skills.

Vashni Sharp has returned this year after missing most of the last season with a knee injury, filling the role as a strong point guard. Tandra Shamblyn, a sophomore, has also returned with her sleek jumpers and vocal defense.

Kelly Johnstone, a junior college transfer, is a dynamic outside shooter, and will greatly help the Ladies this coming season.

The group of freshmen provides a wide range of talents. Strong athleticism, speed, shooting, quick defense, and many other attributes can be found

among these young athletes.

This past Sunday the Ladies had their first scrimmage against UL-Lafayette. The scrimmage was closed due to NCAA ruling, but the Ladies finally had to opportunity to play someone other than their teammates.

Through the ups and downs the Ladies proved they were contenders and were ready to play this season. Play execution and hard work on defense allowed the Ladies to hang with the Ragin' Cajuns.

There was an overall happy atmosphere among the coaches and player with the effort and hard work put in the scrimmage. The Ladies travel to Southeastern Louisiana University on Friday to kick-off their official season.

With the mix of new and old talent the Ladies have a promising year ahead. Best of luck Ladies!

The Golden Disk awarded to Zeta and KE

Christian Prince
Staff Writer

The two-week ultimate Frisbee season has wrapped up producing two Greek life winners. In the men's division KE pulled out an exceptional victory over KA with a final score of 6-4. In the women's league Zeta beat the Gymnastics team 7-5.

The second week of ultimate Frisbee consisted of three make up games from the previous week, which were cancelled due to weather conditions, and of course the playoff round.

The first round match ups for the men's division featured Theta Chi vs. KE and Baseball vs. KA. Theta Chi suffered their loss at the hands of the champs KE, but put forth a valiant effort. KA proceeded to the next round due to a Baseball team forfeit. This propelled KA to an automatic debut in the championship game.

The second round of play was

supposed to be between KE and Baseball. Yet again, the Baseball team had to forfeit causing them to be dropped from the league entirely. KE was automatically sent into the next night of play.

In the semi-finals KE was set to face-off with the Swim team who were sporting their classic Speedo style. In an up-tempo game Robert Poole demonstrated what it means to be truly graceful in the world of ultimate Frisbee. KE easily glided into the championship game against KA.

In a well fought battle of the frat rivalry, KE and KA kept fans as well as refs and players on edge with their constant change of game possession. KA jumped out to an early lead but KE fought hard to overcome and pulled out the win, giving them the right to be called Champions.

In the women's division, the first teams to square off were

Zeta and Chi-O. Zeta pulled out the win sending them to the final game and causing Chi-O to return the next night and face the Gymnastics team.

Try as they might the Chi-O's could not achieve a win over the mighty Gymnastics team. With the win Gymnastics went to the final.

The championship started off as what seemed like a Zeta blowout. Yet, Gymnastics were not about to give up and battled their way back to take the lead from a four point deficit. Even though they tried hard the Gymnastic team could not hold on to their lead and ending up falling to the Zeta's, crowning them the champs.

As for another great intramural season in the books, with two new men's and women's league champs, we now move on to a fierce night of Dodge ball on November 15th.



VIEWPOINTS

Oh Crap! The Chemistry Society Class Ventures to the Office of Water and Sewage

Julianne Smoak
Guest Writer

We eat, then we go, but where does it go? Well, now we know! While there is always a subconscious knowledge that something happened to it, you may have never seen the process first-hand.

This past Monday, the Chemistry and Society class, led by Dr. Ernest Blakeney, did just that. After a winding trip past familiar locales, the buses arrived at a rather unassuming plant, the Department of Operational Services in Shreveport.

Upon demounting, there was no question as to where we were. We were greeted by one of the friendly staff members that would be guiding our tour. Our first stop was intake, which was well contained. This is where the insoluble material, "grit," is removed. This is then washed, dried, and then put in a landfill.

From there we went to one of

several control rooms. This was filled with many levers, knobs, and lights and it was hard not to go knob crazy. So we moved on.

Next stop was a series of clarification tanks. Here particles are settled out and skimmed. After that we moved on to the aeration tanks. Air is pumped from the bottom to give oxygen to the naturally occurring microorganisms in the waste water that digest bacteria. This process causes remaining matter to cluster.

As we toured, I noticed that posted along the walkways above the tanks were orange life rings. While I appreciate the safety measure, I would really hate to have to use the life ring, partially because I would hate to pull someone, much less be pulled out of a tank.

Another reason why it would stink to fall into the tank is because in the aeration tanks a person would hit the bottom faster than you could say "Oh, crap!"



The jets on the bottom oxygenate the contents of the tank causing it to be less dense than the human body. And, in compliance with the irrefutable laws of physics and gravity, you and your clumsy feet would sink like a poor little rock.

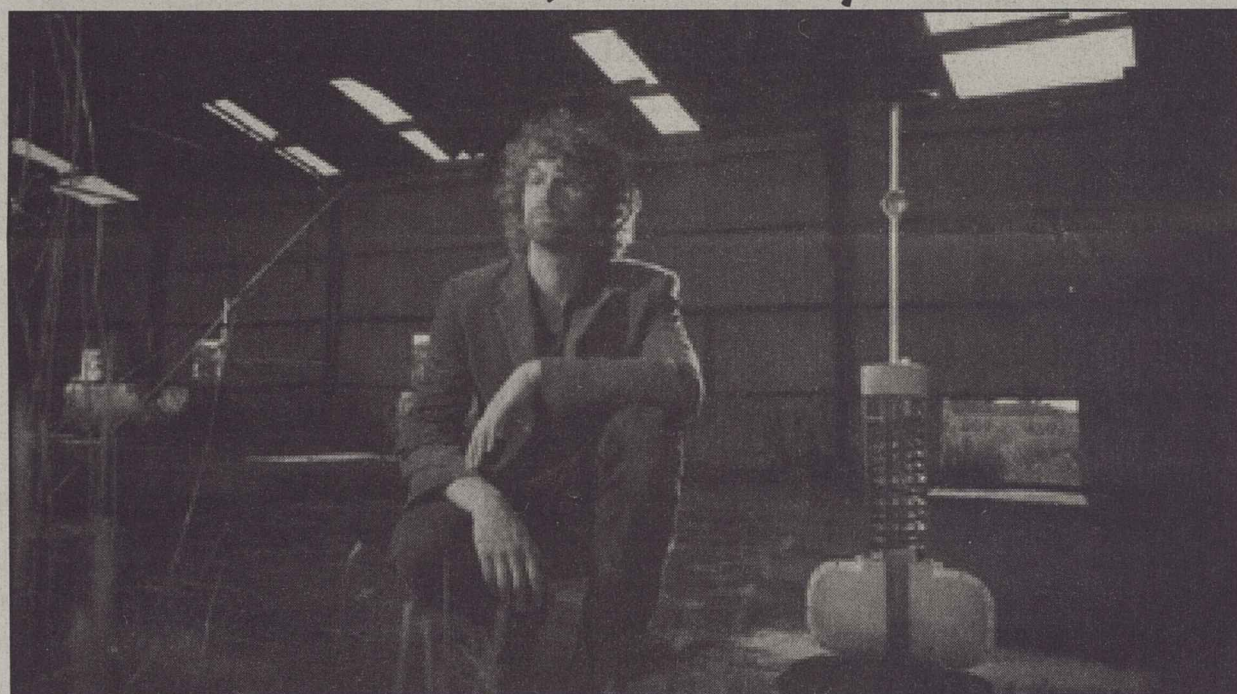
Since we all survived the aeration tanks, we moved on to

the secondary clarification tanks where the clusters are allowed to settle and are cleaned out. At this point the water is rather clear and clean. From here it is pumped to a tank where it is pummeled with bleach and zapped by nearly 100 ultraviolet lights to obliterate any bacteria that happened to survive the previous process. It

is then deposited into the great Red River.

Through this methodical process, the outcome is actually cleaner and much clearer than the river. How's that for transformation? So next time you go, send up thanks for all those people who deal with your fecal matter.

Weird Science: Australian irrigation invention wins James Dyson Award



Madeline Fechter
Viewpoints Editor

According to Richard Tyler's article in the Telegraph, an Australian engineer named Edward Linacre's borrowed the Namib beetle's survival trick and applied it to a device that extracts water from even the driest desert air won the 2011 James Dyson Award.

Edward Linacre's self-powered Airdrop pump and under-pipes system has the potential to deliver water to the roots of crops in the most arid places on the planet.

Extensive research into droughts revealed an increase in soil evaporation and transpiration (plant and soil) due to the increasing temperatures. Airdrop irrigation works to provide a solution to this problem. Moisture is harvested out of the air to irrigate crops by an efficient system that produces large amounts of condensation.

The Airdrop pump works when a turbine intake drives air underground through a network of piping that rapidly cools the air to the temperature of the soil where it reaches 100% humidity and produces water. The water is then stored in an underground tank and pumped through to the roots of crops via subsurface drip irrigation hosing. The Airdrop system also includes an LCD

screen that displays tank water levels, pressure strength, solar battery life, and system health.

This invention is so important because the effects of climate change in Australia are accelerating at an alarming rate. Last year the Murray Darling area experienced the worst drought in a century, lasting 12 years and resulting in irreversible damage to ecosystems, widespread wildlife decline and catastrophic bushfire conditions. Agriculture in the region suffered record losses.

Although 2010 brought much needed rainfall to the area, other parts of Australia are continuing to suffer drought. The southwest corner of the country has experienced its driest year to date. Scientific projections indicate as temperatures continue to increase, so too will the severity, frequency, and duration of droughts worldwide. While there are various atmospheric water harvesting technologies that exist today, most are high-tech and expensive; not ideal for the rural farmer market.

Thankfully, the Airdrop irrigation system is a low-tech, self-sufficient solar powered solution; an innovation bred from comprehensive investigations into rural agricultural environments, developed through working with irrigation manufacturers and local farmers, and refined by extensive prototyping with successful results. Research reveals

a gap in the use of atmospheric water harvesting technologies for irrigation purposes within Australia, and there has been no discovery of any similarities to the condensation producing system of piping present in the Airdrop irrigation design.

The pipe construction was born through investigations into the principles of airflow. Other elements that incorporate the resolved concept include the turbine: designed to maximize air intake, to operate freely in high wind, and switch to battery power in low wind. The submersible pump that drives water from the underground tank includes a float cutoff switch to cut power to the pump when water levels are low.

Sir James Dyson said: "Biomimicry is a powerful weapon in an engineer's armory. Airdrop shows how simple, natural principles like the condensation of water, can be applied to good effect through skilled design and robust engineering."

The James Dyson Award is an international student design award running in 18 countries. It's run by the James Dyson Foundation, James Dyson's charitable trust, as part of its mission to encourage the next generation of design engineers to be creative, challenge, and invent.

Style Forecast: Winter 2011

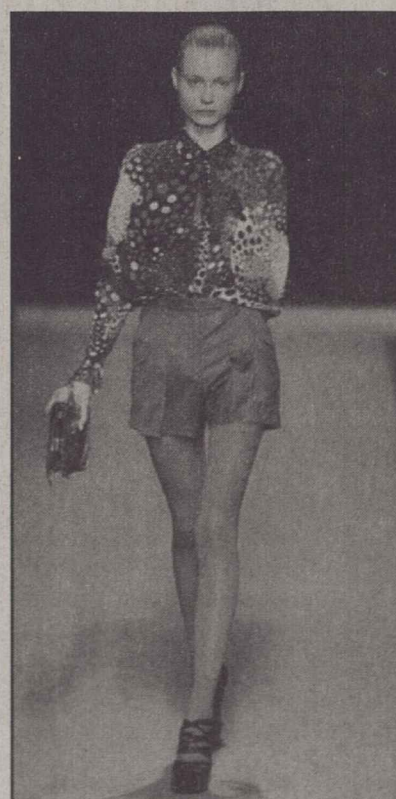
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Viewpoints Editor

It can get tricky constantly following the ever-changing trends of runways, magazines, and Hollywood, let alone trying to incorporate them into your everyday wardrobe!

Imagine changing your entire wardrobe for every season change! Not that we're all fashionistas, but most of us like to keep up with a fashion trend now and then. Let us at the Conglomerate do the dirty work for you: this is fashion advice on all things fashionable from runways for Fall/Winter 2011 from Milan, Paris, London, and New York in layman's terms!

First let's talk over-the-knee boots. Take a look at any fashionista, and you will see over-the-knee boots. What makes over-the-knee boots so popular is that it's sexy without being trashy. It has moved from Hollywood Boulevard to Hollywood Glamour. It makes a great fashion statement and is versatile enough to be worn with many things such as jeans, leggings, tights, dresses, jackets, jeans, and more!

Also this season, the runways were crammed with leather everything. However, it isn't the leather you are thinking of. The



leather pieces were feminine, soft, bold, rich, with many embellishments and new cuts. Often leather was used with very contrasting fabrics to create a great look and to soften and break up the 'harsh' leather look.

The next hottest trend is the magnificent new opaque tights. They are flexible enough to be worn with any outfit. This season, the tights came in bright, bold colors. It adds a pop of excitement to many outfits. I love using bright colored tights with neutral bottoms; it just makes the whole outfit dazzle.

Moreover the military trend is back, but this time with a feminine twist. The lapels, buttons, fit, and overall look got a makeover. The military looks are now floaty, soft, and feminine with new detailing such as ribbon, bows, lace, ruffles, lighter colors, and more shine.

Leopard, cheetah, zebra, rribal prints, feathers, and fur were all major contenders for this winter's most fashion-forward looks. These exotic elements bring a little something special to any outfit. Because it makes such a statement, the make-up, jewelry, and accessories were generally toned down to bring focus to the outfit.

Ladies, blazers are also back. Blazers are indeed here again, but not the dowdy office cubicle kind. The new blazers offer more detailing, again femininity, and a tighter fit. Blazers were seen on the runways of Milan and Paris with patterns, bright colors, unexpected fabrics, new collar, and sleeve cuts.

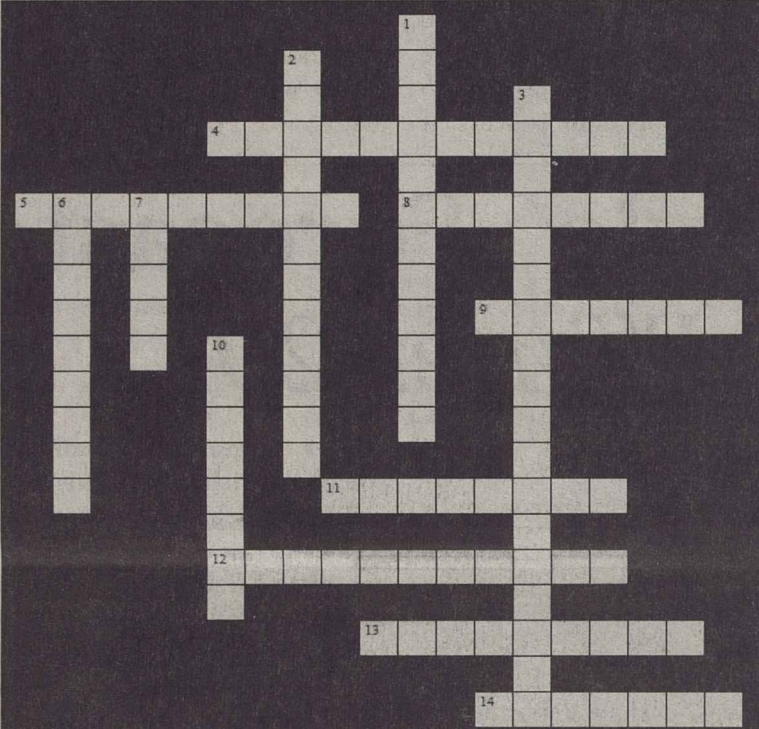
Lastly, no style expert would be caught with the extravagant and luxurious embellishments that were all the rage this fall/winter season. The detailing in accessories, tops, bottoms, and shoes were amazing. There was lace, suede, metallics, glitter, bamboo, satin, linen, almost any fabric you can think of. In addition, there was intricate detailing which really made the pieces look one-of-a-kind and special.

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Crossword Something Patriotic



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5 "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of ..."
8 Number of times the American flag is folded.
9 "Army, Navy, Cost Guard, Air Force"
11 First and last name of current Vice President.
12 Group that keeps vigil day and night over the Tomb of Unknowns.
13 The most recent war fought by America.

- 14 Liberty of a person from slavery, detention, or oppression.

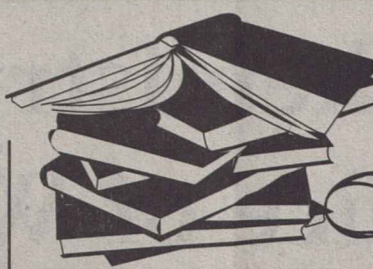
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3 Our National Anthem.
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7 Name of the flower that closely associates with Veterans.
10 The date of Veterans Day.

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Literary

"Fear the Reaper"

by Erika Lunsford

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The doorbell chimes its siren wail.
My clipboard out, I greet the ill.
Receive you with a "Please sign in."

O

I must retrieve your student file
So every symptom I can write.
The drawer slides out, locate your name.

R

N

Within the clinic, pristine paper
As you sit down. With wand in hand
I take your temp. No fever here.

E

What can it be, this thing within?
You might be well. But then again...
Microbes that kill or just the flu?

R

These germs that float under the skin
Mean only harm, harming good health.
You should start to fear the Reaper.

You could be next. Disperse like dust.

Want to contribute one of
your works to literary corner?

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Horoscopes

Daniel & Hadley

Aries- Attempt to talk to your friends more. Some of them may feel that you are becoming distant. What they don't realize is that your school life sucks. Perhaps change your major, it's probably too difficult for you.

Taurus- Tadpoles are a bad omen this week. They start out cute and will evolve into warty unhappiness. If you spot one, immediately runaway or unhappiness will ensue.

Gemini- Great job on that presentation, but don't get overly confident. Your professor didn't pay attention at all. You're more interesting on paper. Take more English classes.

Cancer- Clip your fingernails before holding hands with your significant other. It can be a real deal breaker and nobody wants to be alone. Especially you, Cancer.

Leo- Look up, now look down, now you see the world from a totally different perspective.

Virgo- Velociraptors have been extinct for some time

now. Start worrying about vampires. Your Twilight obsession is getting way out of hand.

Libra- Libraries are not the best place for you to study. You are easily distracted and the shiny covers on books are so flashy that you find your attention else where. It doesn't help that there are so many computer screens. And it doesn't help that at Centenary people don't know how to act in libraries.

Scorpio- The scorpion may be your symbol but you're not that cool. Stop trying so hard, people will appreciate it more if you'll just be yourself. Show off your tap skills and you may find yourself in the arms of a life-long crush.

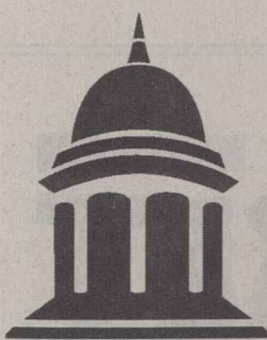
Sagittarius- You are neither half horse or half man. You are barely a human, but do not take this badly. This can mean you're better than everyone or just that one person everyone hates.

Capricorn- Cat videos will occupy the majority of your time. Try to find a way

to tie this subject into your next research paper. Unless your professor is Montgomery Mewers you may fail. Add some scientific quotes and a map of Italy if all else fails. Teachers love maps. LOTS of maps.

Aquarius- Ironically enough, you should stay out of the water. Especially in the fitness center pool or in the Crumley Garden's fountain. Both have been used as public restrooms. If you do find yourself having the uncontrollable urge to bathe in public we suggest using the fountain near Magale. It's been recently remodeled and up to par as per our standards.

Pisces- Pickled pigs feet will be served in the cafe on Monday. Sadly you will not be able to avoid this lunch choice because you have no where else to eat, as you no longer have Randle's bucks. Try putting some hot sauce on your plate and perhaps adding a dash of Ketchup to take away from the pickle-y piggy flavor.



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Chi Omega's 10th Annual Make-A-Wish Auction grants wish to local boy



Madeline Fechter
Viewpoints Editor

Chi Omega's 10th Annual Make-A-Wish Auction grants wish to local boy

On November 12th, Centenary's Iota Gamma Chapter of Chi Omega hosted their annual Make-A-Wish Auction to grant seven-year-old Ben Stewart his wish for a Crooked House Playset, award-winning, wooden playhouses designed to inspire children's playtime through their whimsical designs.

The Centenary Chapter raised over \$6000 to grant Stewart's wish, the minimum amount needed to grant one

child's wish. They did this through donations from their "Make-A-Wish to Grant-A-Wish" one dollar fundraiser in the cafeteria the week prior to the auction with most of the proceeds coming the silent auction.

The silent auction displayed items donated by the members of Chi Omega. Popular items included Saints tickets, an iPad, and an all-access parking pass.

Musical entertainment at the auction was provided by Centenary students sophomore Thomas Keys III and junior Jacob Hooper-Shaffer.

The Chi Omega Philanthropy Chair Macy Stockton expressed her appreciation to work with

Photos Courtesy of Madeline Fechter
a non-profit in which members of Chi Omega can support local children.

Stockton said, "One of the reasons that I love Make-A-Wish is that you get to meet your wish child. I picked Ben because he was local which gave our chapter the opportunity to meet him and his family. It's really rewarding to contribute to philanthropy on a truly personal level."

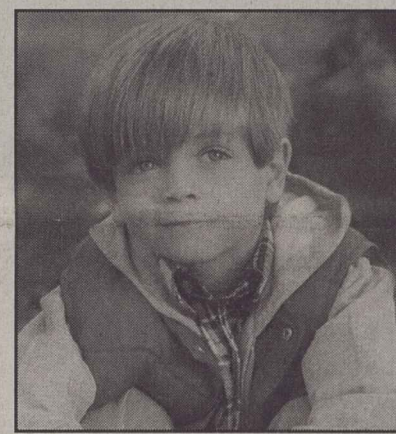
The closest diagnosis that doctors have been able to offer Ben is Leigh's Disease, a mitochondrial disease. However, while his MRI scans match those of a person with Leigh's Disease, not all his other symptoms line up. Doctors think he has an even rarer mitochondrial disease for

which there is no name. Ben is the only person in a hundred mile radius that has a mitochondrial disease.

Mitochondrial diseases result from failures of the mitochondria, specialized compartments present in every cell of the body except red blood cells. Mitochondria are responsible for creating more than 90% of the energy needed by the body to sustain life and support growth.

Since 1980, the Make-A-Wish Foundation has enriched the lives of children with life-threatening medical conditions through its wish-granting work. The Foundation's mission reflects the life-changing impact that a Make-A-Wish experience has on children, families, referral sources, donors, sponsors and entire communities.

In 2002, Chi Omega announced the Chi Omega/Make-A-Wish alliance. Since the start of the alliance, Chi Omega chapters all over the country has raised over \$6.5 million and given over 400,000 volunteer hours. The Make-A-Wish Foundation recognizes Chi Omega as one of their Cause Champion sponsors.



Ben Stewart

Centenary Sports: Heckling Too Much?



Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

School spirit has been up this year. Many students have attended sporting events and are really showing support for their friends and fellow students at these games. However, at some of the games students in the student section have gotten scolded from the referees about what they are saying to the opposing players.

It would be understandable if someone was making inappropriate slurs in regards to race, sex, or other sensitive matters in reference to a player.

However, students were simply calling out numbers and were not saying anything offensive in nature.

Since this incident there have been discussions around campus about how fans are representing Centenary at games and the importance of good sportsmanship. As fans though, it seems that this issue is being taken way too seriously to the point of silence in the stands.

The first thing sporting attendees should expect is noise. The biggest fans at these games should be the students and part of being a fan is showing school pride. Some attendees may give

the opposition a hard time to let them know whose house they are in. Now there are NCAA policies that have been instated by the ASC conference regarding heckling and crowd noise.

No artificial noise makers are allowed at the games. This includes blow horns, which have made appearances at the occasional games but have not been a huge issue. Another imperative rule students need to watch is heckling. As mentioned earlier this includes taunting an individual player involving race or sex and anything else that can be considered negative directed towards the player.

It is up to the officiators to control what the crowd is saying, particularly if a coach complains. Students have been reprimanded due to calling a player's number. This is technically an act of targeting an individual specifically and the students are asked not to do so.

Although this may sound like students are not allowed to speak out at sporting events, there are plenty of things that are allowed. If a game is in the Gold Dome or any setting with bleachers, students can make noise with their feet because bleachers are not considered an artificial noise maker. If a player happens to move near a student section, it is fine to yell at them as loud as you can and even say their number as long as there is no personal attack.

For example, "Hey #25 #25 #25" versus "hey #25 you're terrible don't mess up." Remember that this is all still up to the game official in determine what is legal and what is not. Sometimes that rule may not be enforced as strictly depending on the official.

Athletic Director Dr. William Broussard did say that he is really encouraged by the school spirit, despite some disagreement on how students are showing it at games. When asked how the Centenary image reflected by students should be, Dr. Broussard "doesn't want us to be over-exaggerated like the 'Gents' and 'Ladies.'"

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Letter from the Editor:

"What would you like to see?"

Ashley Lynch
Editor in Chief

While the academic schedule is coming to a close for this semester, Spring thoughts and plans are still brewing for campus organizations--and ours is no exception. Before we start planning another redesign or overhaul, I'd like to put a strong emphasis on finding out what YOU would like to see from The Conglomerate this coming semester.

Bit by bit, piece by piece, this organization has gone through a slow (yet often drastic) change in design and delivery since the first time I picked up a copy. That's not a bad thing, of course, but the challenge falls on the fact that there will always be more that we can do to reach out to our audience better--and certainly to better represent them.

Would you use a mobile app? Would you like to see crime reports? What do you see in other newspapers that you feel we truly need?

This is your paper, Centenary.

Your student voice. Your passion expressed. Let us know what you'd like to see us do with it. You can shoot me an email personally, or send a message to conglomerate@centenary.edu at any time with suggestions for improvement. I can't promise that every request is guaranteed to come true, but I can definitely stand by my word that every request will be considered.

We're sorry to say that we'll be losing an excellent section editor soon, as Wilborn Nobles makes his move to a different campus. His departure, however, has opened up a spot on our staff that you, dear reader, may be interested in.

Would you like to apply for News Editor? Email me at: alynch@my.centenary.edu for the application or about any questions, comments, or concerns you may have. The deadline to submit your application is by Saturday, December 17th.

For now, keep those ideas churning--and let us know about them, eventually!

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Question of the Week

What do you want for Christmas?



Boots
Caity Hayworth,
Freshman



I don't expect gifts at Christmas
Jenna Squyres, Senior



Lots of clothes
Laura Croteau, Freshman



Cash Money
Madelyn Snead, Freshman



Santa knows
Nathan Gauthier, Freshman



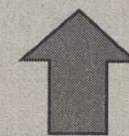
Zac Efron under my tree.
Zoe McSwain, Sophomore

UPs & DOWNS



Snow!?

For a brief moment



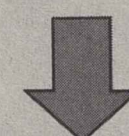
Squirrels

Who run the world? Squirrels!



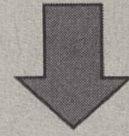
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No more heat is fantastic!



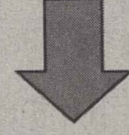
The Big Chill

Biggest overreaction? We're thinking yeah.



Rain

Three days of ice-cold rain equals lame.



Finals

The anticipation is killing us!

Fitness Center Classes

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7:00 am	-	-	Yoga	-
7:15 am	-	Total Body	-	Total Body
11:15 am	-	ABS	-	ABS
Noon	Pilates	Yoga	Pilates	Yoga
4:35 pm	-	-	-	-
5:00 pm	-	-	Boot Camp	-
5:30 pm	-	Cycling	-	Turbo Kick
6:00 pm	Zumba	-	Zumba	-

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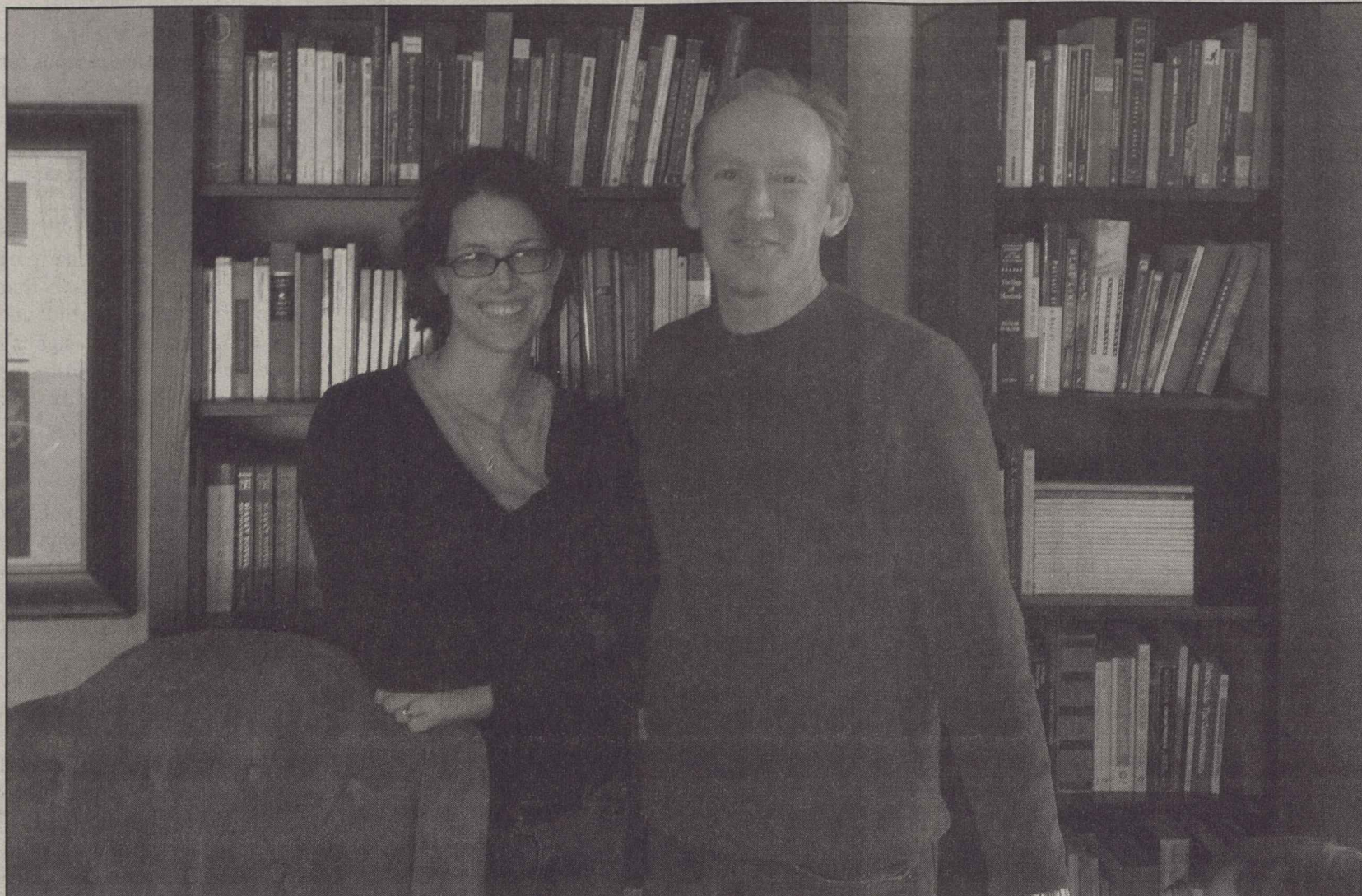
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Sat: Noon - 6pm
Sun: 2pm - 6pm

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Wed Night: 6pm - 10pm
Sat & Sun: 2pm - 6pm

NEWS

Centenary Alumni Holds Weekly Bible Studies



Centenary Graduates Micah and Jennifer Strange
Wilborn Nobles III
News Editor

Courtesy of Wilborn Nobles III

For several years now, Centenary graduates Micah and Jennifer Strange have held weekly Bible study groups at their house on Tuesday nights. Believing that community is an integral part of being faithful, the Strange family also invites Centenary students to participate in their weekly religious experience.

"To experience some community with people that aren't in that closed world of Centenary is important," said Jennifer Strange.

Micah and Jennifer are Centenary graduates from the class of 1999 who learned the importance of involvement within a religious community during their time at Centenary. However,

they both cultivated their spirituality in separate ways while in college.

Micah, a Biology major who is now employed as an affordable housing developer, said he "took ownership" of his faith by engaging in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes with his peers before Jennifer's roommate introduced him to the Springs of Grace Baptist Church. While he enjoyed his experience with his peers in the FCA, Micah found also admired the atmosphere of devotion at Springs of Grace.

"They were there because they chose to be there and that's what I liked," said Micah.

Through Jennifer's roommate, the two of them began to attend Springs of Grace where Jennifer felt she a sense of connection that she couldn't obtain

at Centenary's campus. Although Jennifer, an English major with a masters in Creative Writing, worked as an English professor and coordinator at Centenary's Christian Leadership Center, she said that she "didn't have that sense of community on campus" as a student because of the antagonism among some of her peers.

Jennifer admits to joining the church's women's bible study at first just to hang with her friend, but later found it to be a "conversion experience" when she began to go because she enjoyed it and had more friends there. It was between the Fall of 2001 and 2002 when the Strange family began to hold Bible study groups at home.

Jennifer wanted to model the group after her experiences

in Florida at the Christian Study of Gainesville. At the center, Jennifer said discussions of faith were conducted in manner that was intellectually and faithfully charged. Originally, the study groups were women-only and scheduled for Sunday nights, but eventually they became co-ed and changed their meeting period to Tuesday because most people were busy on Sunday nights. A friend even recommended that they began serving dinner to guests since most arrived an hour earlier while the Stranges were still eating.

"That process of getting together and doing that made people just more comfortable with each other," said Micah.

Thus far, the Stranges have made very little changes to how they conduct their study groups.

Guests are usually within the age range of those within college and many often enjoy their with the Stranges. In fact, sophomore student Lea Hair makes it a priority to attend the study groups every week.

"I go because they truly care; both for the people who attend their Bible study, and for the Lord. And, not gonna lie, I go for the food," said Lea Hair.

Hair began attending the weekly Bible study groups her freshman year after receiving an invite from her friend. Hair found the experience very helpful and has since come to view the Stranges' household as a welcoming and friendly place. She also claims to have found "a confidant, a spiritual role model, and a friend" in Jennifer.

"I am quite sure my faith would be so much weaker," said Hair, "if it wasn't for their support and guidance."

Micah and Jennifer enjoy holding bible study groups and believe they are great for making relationships with people while cultivating their spirituality. While they would love to have more students attend their study groups, they stress that it's important to get involved with a faithful community whether it's with them or not.

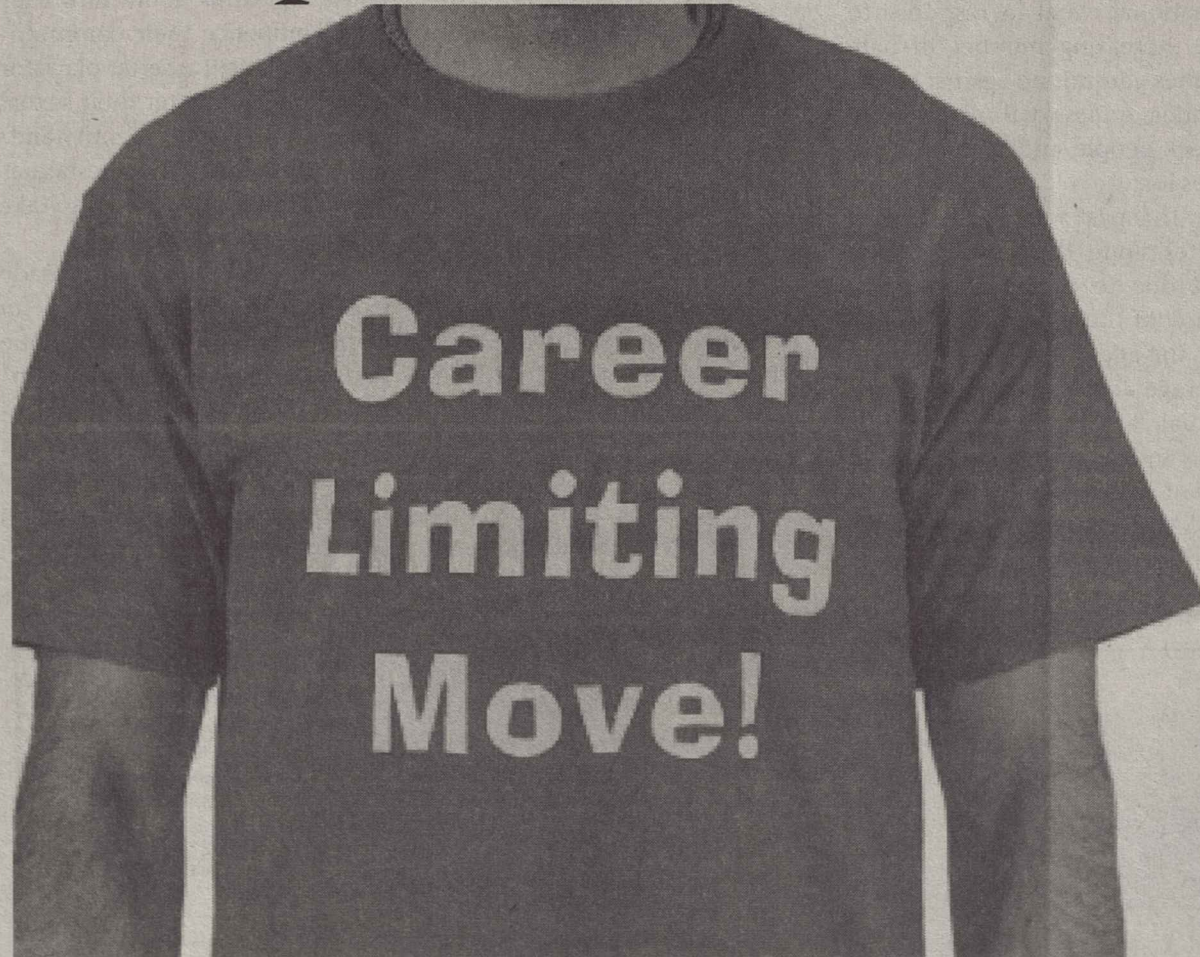
"If you're not involved in a community that's seeking that and if you're seeking to be faithful, it's hard," said Micah.

However, they admit that eventually they will cease to host study groups every week.

"At some point we won't do this anymore, and that's just the way things go," said Micah, "and it won't be disappointing."

If students are interested in learning more about the weekly Bible study groups with Micah and Jennifer Strange, please contact Jennifer Strange at strange-jkp@gmail.com.

Career Corner: Top 10 Career Limiting Moves



Chaerli Faught
Staff Writer

It's good to occasionally think about the issue of bad decision making or judgment before you destroy your future. If you're reading this, though, you probably don't need to worry too

much about bad decision making or judgment. Most of the time, people who amble through life are barely making it, and give as much "thought time" to their behavior.

There are ten career limiting moves, or CLMs, that a person can do to ruin their future. The

first one is the lack of real insight or thought. The impact of lack of real insight or thought can lead to situations that exist purely based on the fact that some people fail to pay attention to how things work as well as their own behavior.

The second CLM that a per-

son can do is to confuse actions for results. We get paid, not to show up, but to actually get some type of results. Unfortunately some people think that simply just doing stuff is what it's all about.

The third limiting move a person can do is being chronically absent or tardy all the time to work. If you are absent too much or late too much, you won't be going anywhere because YOU are undependable.

Another hindering action that you can do is to refuse to admit that you made a mistake. We all make them. We're supposed to learn from them. When you don't admit a mistake, employers may think that you are clueless and will assume that the mistake will happen again.

At work, the inappropriate use of a computer can hinder your career. It doesn't matter if you view porn, do Facebook or shop at work, you're wasting company resources; and it will catch up with you.

Another hindering move is not fitting in with the culture. You can either change or leave, or get fired if you don't fit in. There may be companies you just can't adjust to; be smart and figure that out before it damages

your career.

The seventh CLM is missing your commitment. Nothing will destroy trust faster than being habitual at not meeting your commitments. No one will want to work with you and no one will want you to work for them.

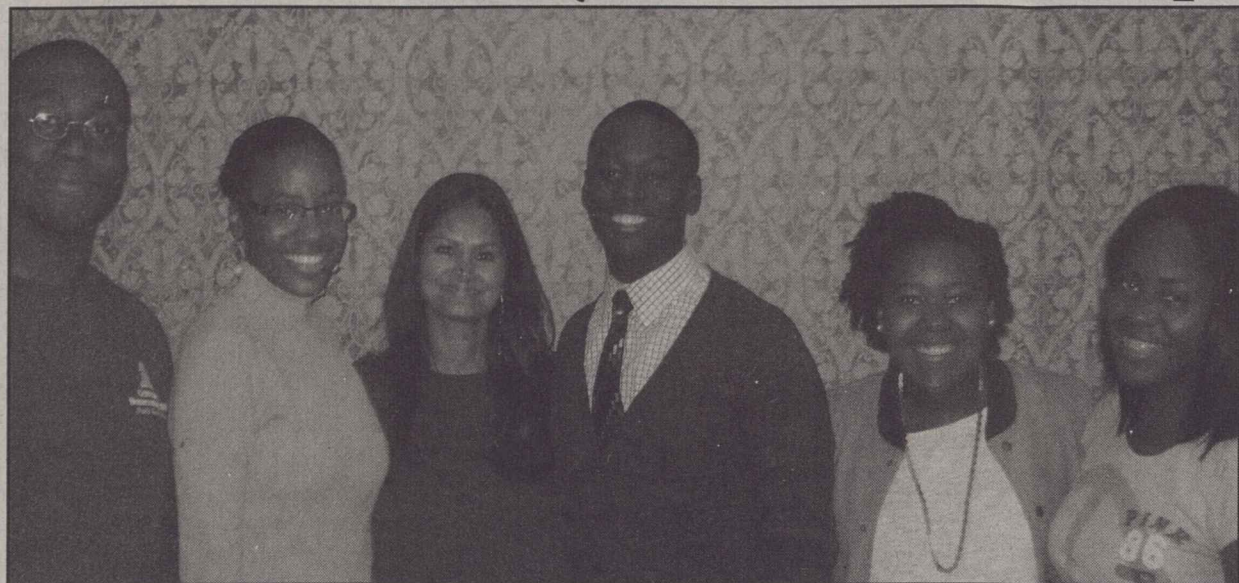
Also, people who think the company or boss owes them for simply breathing air at work can be sniffed out quickly. It's a disagreeable quality. Everyone is expendable.

Another hindering move that people make is not thinking outside the box and being creative. If you can't think outside the box or won't do it because you're too lazy, the boss will find someone who will. "Just" doing your job can be done by hundreds of other people.

The tenth CLM that people must be wary of is bad mouthing the boss or someone important. You have to assume anything you say at work to someone you work with will be shared or spread. Most of the time the "code of silence" simply doesn't exist no matter how close your relationship is.

NEWS

Attaway Fellow Mahjabeen Rafiuddin Discusses Diversity with Student Groups



Centenary's Multicultural Student Association with Mahjabeen Rafiuddin

Wilborn Nobles III
News Editor

On Thursday, November 10th, Mahjabeen Rafiuddin visited Centenary's campus to impart her knowledge in promoting diversity to students. Rafiuddin has years of experience ranging from cultural competency training to consultancy in corporate and educational settings.

As the Director of Multicultural Affairs at Rollin College, her duty is to provide leadership to students and faculty in multicultural affairs while assisting in overcoming the challenges that result from diversity.

"All these things are actually very current and timely," said Rafiuddin, "It's something people are talking about everywhere."

Rafiuddin held a convocation that focused on the influence of diversity trends in the nation's colleges. She also devoted her time to meet with student organizations to discuss their progress in promoting diversity on campus.

Centenary's Multicultural Student Association shared their ideas about where they

wanted their organization to go in the future. Lindsey Walker, MSA Vice President, expressed how the first thing they'd like to accomplish is broadcast their presence on campus while informing students that it's not an organization for only African Americans.

"We want everyone with different nationalities and ethnicities to come," said Walker.

Rafiuddin told MSA to maintain their momentum and continue to speak with others about their organization. She also challenges them to "keep their message firm" and to collaborate with other student organizations on campus.

"I really felt that we got so much accomplished with Mahjabeen," said MSA President Thomas Keys. "She enlightened and ignited many of us at the meeting with her enthusiasm for more cultural diversity and awareness at Centenary and other institutions. More importantly, I feel I would be able to call her tomorrow and she would be excited to aid us in anyway."

Later on, Rafiuddin held an LGBTQ-related session called

Courtesy of Wilborn Nobles III

"train the trainer." Attendants learned how to facilitate discussions focused on LGBT issues in order to have Safe Zone certified areas. A Safe Zone is basically a claim that says a person is an ally to non-heterosexual people in school, life, and work. Rafiuddin showed attendees how to create a protected environment for people in the LGBT community.

The students, staff, and faculty in attendance of these events seem unanimous in the effectiveness of Rafiuddin's visit. Keaton Roberson, an openly gay student that works as an RA in Sexton Hall, felt that her visit allowed him to bond with the crowd in attendance and learn that people have more in common than they do in difference.

"Diversity goes far being skin color and sexual orientation," said Roberson. "I think the most important thing we can all learn is not just what we can do, but how do we help each other develop spiritually, emotionally, and mentally."

Rotaract gives thanks

Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

The Centenary Rotaract Club made another great impact on Centenary's campus last week. The Rotaract Club sponsored the first annual "Thank Week."

The purpose for Thank Week was to promote a thankful attitude across Centenary. Rotaract had the brilliant idea of thank you cards, buttons, and a lot of thanks to make this happen.

Being that it was the week before Thanksgiving break, many students were already thankful for this opportunity to go home and enjoy their food babies from all the delicious splendors Thanksgiving brings us. However, Rotaract wanted to boost this appreciative attitude to a whole new level.

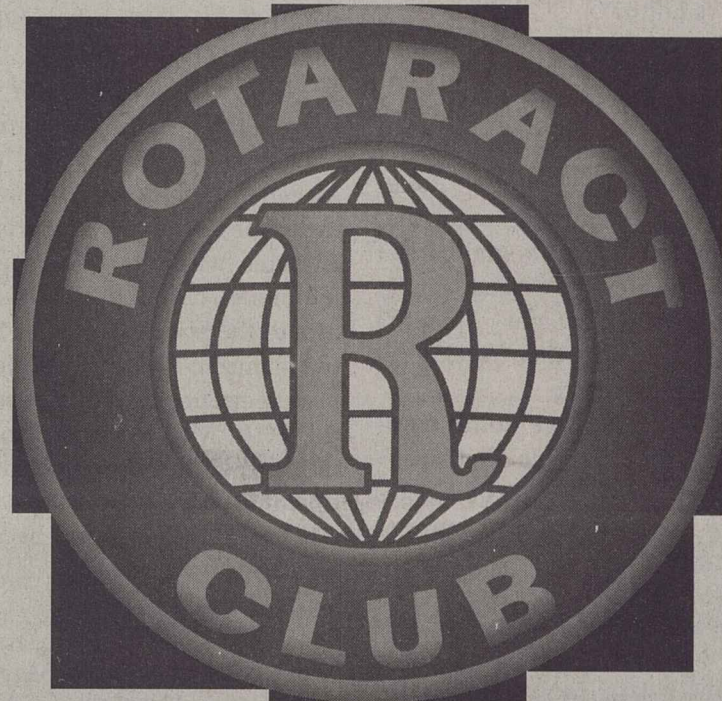
Rotaract placed a thank you card into every campus mail box so that everyone had the chance to tell someone thank you--a simple thanks can turn someone's frown upside down! Also Rotaract was able to thank

every department on campus for their great work they have put forth to make this campus even greater.

Vice President of Rotaract, Julianne Smoak, had this to say about Thank Week: "It was great to see everyone take part in appreciating the people that are important to us as students. I was delighted to help establish a tradition that helps bring us together as a community and realize just how we influence each other."

The combined effort of the Rotaract members and creativity of Julianne Smoak to design the thank you cards, Thank Week would have not happened. Also Rotaract would like to thank all the student organizations, departments, and faculty and staff for their service to Centenary College.

Rotaract encourages you all to go out in the world and spread the thanks throughout your community. Oscar Wilde said it best, "silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone."



Heckling from Page 1

That doesn't mean be classless and show bad sportsmanship, but the overall issue seems to be a lack of understanding of what is and is not allowed at games. As long as students avoid personal attacks or targeting specific players the issue of heckling should improve as the year goes on. Some solutions include having basic chants for things happening in a game.

The athletes like to hear the crowd because it creates a home field advantage and creates pressure on the opposition playing here. Dr. Broussard "wants opponents to think we are a difficult place to play at" and is encouraged by the increasing spirit. Having been to almost every sporting event so far this year, Dr. Broussard "doesn't

perceive sportsmanship as a problem on this campus." The last thing he wants to happen is that a student "goes to their first game and gets in trouble for something he or she didn't know, and then leaves. Students shouldn't feel censored either," he says.

Students still need to follow NCAA policies which are reasonable because offensive things should never be said. However, the technicalities of the rules can become obtuse at times which is often caused by the opposing coach trying to eliminate road disadvantage. Students and other Centenary sports fans can be supportive and go scream their hearts out at all the games they attend, but be sure to support the school in the best light possible.

Transgender Day of Remembrance

Adrian Capello
Contributing Writer

On Sunday, November 20, a Transgender Day of Remembrance ceremony was held at All Souls Unitarian Church. Transgender Day of Remembrance is a national event in response to the increasing number of hate crimes committed against transgender, transsexual, and gender queer people and to honor the lives lost.

This past year, in the United States alone, there were 13 lives lost due to these hate crimes. Many of those victims were under the age of 21. The estimated average for transgender, transsexual, and gender queer persons to be murdered before the age of 21 is 41%.

At the ceremony, the stories of these persons and their mur-

ders were told and then a candle was lit in their memory. The ceremony was hosted by several Shreveport and statewide LGBT organizations, such as PACE, Louisiana Trans Advocates, and Get Equal.

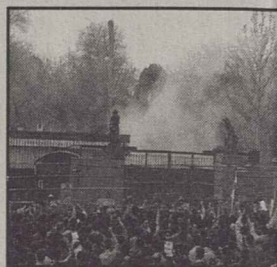
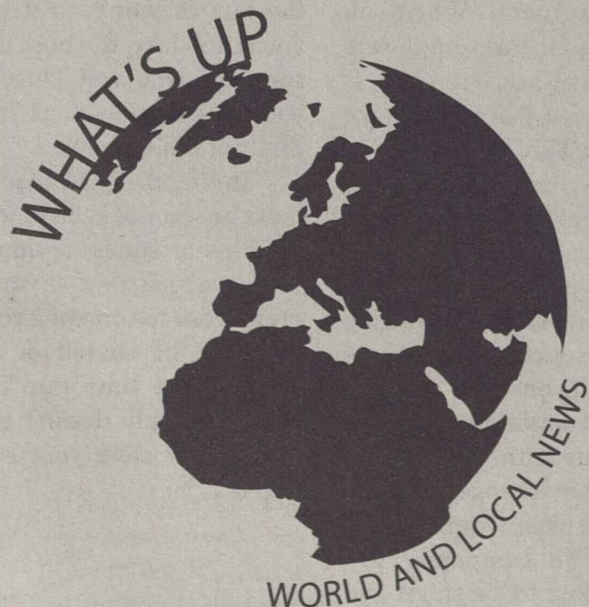
Several Centenary students attended this event, and it opened their eyes to a topic that needs to be brought up and discussed both on Centenary's campus and with our own social and structural policies.

Centenary student Marilyn Wells summed up why this issue is important to Centenary. "It brought to reality that such things could happen to students, friends, classmates, and professors. The lack of education about transgender, transsexual, and gender queer persons opens the door for such hatred and igno-

rance, and it brought to light how much work needs to be done on Centenary's campus to become a truly accepting place of all of our students," she said.

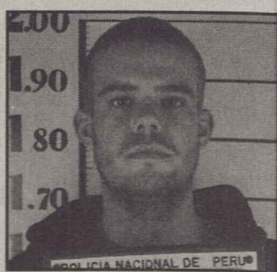
Pamela Raintree, a local LGBT activist, asked everyone to pause and think about how they could influence their communities in making it a better place for all people, no matter their sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression so ceremonies such as these do not need to take place.

Overall, the event made Centenary students hopeful about events such as this one taking place on Centenary's campus, creating policies that are inclusive to all of our students and faculty, and reaching our maximum potential as an accepting community.



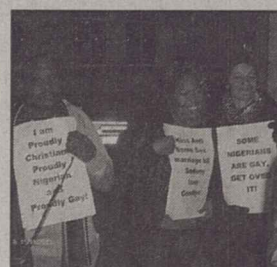
Britain Embassy

Britain has closed its embassy in Iran and evacuated all its staff from that country following the attack on the embassy compound in Tehran Tuesday.



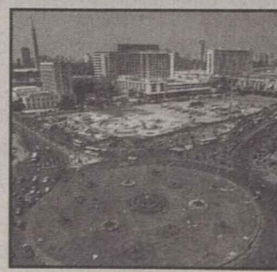
Natallee Holloway

Joran Van Der Sloot, suspected in the 2005 disappearance of Natallee Holloway has sued the Chilean government for more than \$13 million, alleging his human rights were violated when Chile extradited him last year to Peru to face charges in the death of a Peruvian woman.



Nigerian Gay Rights

The Nigerian senate has passed a bill banning same-sex marriages, defying a threat from Britain to withhold aid from nations violating gay rights.



Egypt

Tahrir Square was peaceful Wednesday as Egyptians awaited initial results of parliamentary elections, a break from the clashes that have gripped Cairo for much of the past two weeks.

A&E

Camerata and Chorale Concert



Julia Puac
Website Manager

Just before Centenary students were let out to go home for Thanksgiving Break, the Hurley School of Music provided another great concert for students, faculty, and the public. On November 15, 2011 under the conducting of Dr. Julia Thorn, with accompanist Dr. Gay Grosz and Cathy DeRousee, the Centenary Camerata and Chorale provided a night of rich, beautiful singing.

In the first half, the Centenary Chorale performed four pieces. The pieces were: Blessed Be God by J.F. Handel, Ubi Caritas by Ola Gjeilo, Ave Verum Corpus by Imant Raminsch, and Flower

Songs by Eric Whitacre.

Chorale is the most select choral group at Centenary College. Members of this 16-voice chamber singer ensemble are selected from within Camerata. The composition of the group is primarily voice majors, though membership is open to all Centenary students by audition. Selected members of the Centenary College Chorale are:

Soprano: Chelsi Hefner, Rebecca Jordan, Laura Neville, Sara Patronella

Alto: Payton Davis, Camryn Miller, Marcie Ratcliff

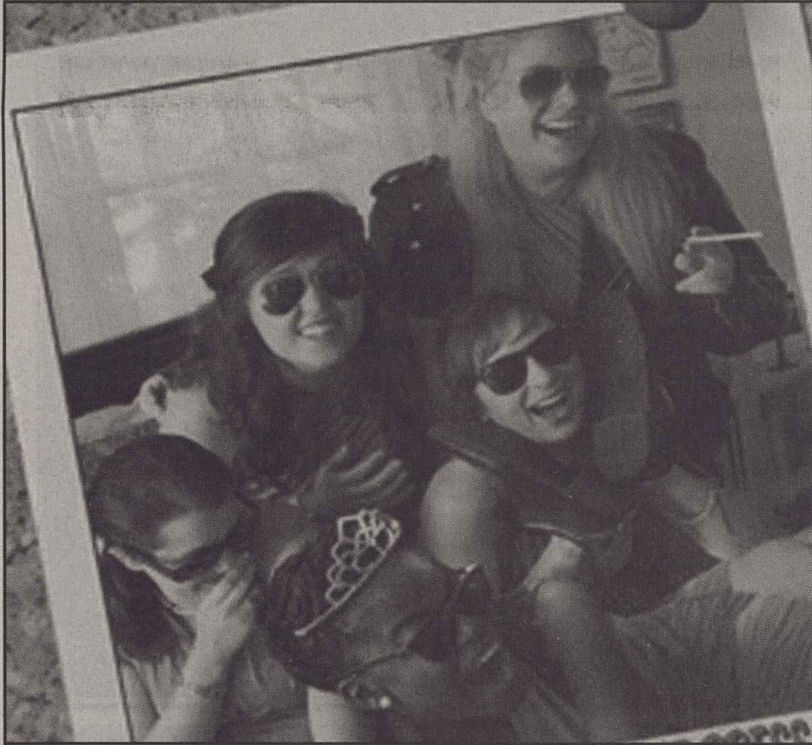
Tenor: David Burch Garrison Liles, Timothy Magill, Seth Taylor

Bass: Lenard Adams, Gary Tubbs, Blake Bruchhaus, Travonté Thomas

After the intermission, the Centenary College Camerata performed Mass in C Major by Ludwig Van Beethoven. The performance included solos by senior soprano Peyton Davis, junior alto Amanda Hock, senior tenor Seth Taylor, and senior bass Gary Tubbs.

Camerata, under Dr. Thorn's direction, has presented concerts at the National Collegiate Choral Organization, Southern Division convention of the Music Educators National Conference, the Spivey Hall Education Concert Series, the Louisiana Music Education Association Conference, the Louisiana Division of the American Choral Directors Association and has had an Ensemble Debut concert at Carnegie Hall.

“Peacock” Bridesmaids take center stage in “Five Women”



Erika Lunsford
Staff Writer

“Five Women Wearing the Same Dress” stars five southern bridesmaids at a high-society wedding in Knoxville, Tennessee wearing dresses that would make any peacock proud, their heads topped with fluff that looks like cotton candy. And when one of the bridesmaids removes her dress, it takes on a life of its own.

The play itself is as flamboyant and frivolous as the costumes, and unfortunately, it can't stand on its own two feet by plot alone.

The play takes place in the bride's sister's bedroom, where snappy one-liners and comebacks are tossed back and forth as the bridesmaids hide out during the reception. Alan Ball obviously did his research and spent a great deal of time eavesdropping on female gossip before writing the play, but the plot jumps from homosexuality to plastic surgery to child abuse while failing to deliver a cutting edge.

During many points, it becomes hard to follow what

was happening and keep all the facts straight. And, let's face it, five women onstage for almost the entire play is a bit too much estrogen for the audience to handle.

The bridesmaids are as vibrant as the costumes, and their personalities range from virginal to man-eater.

Meredith, the bride's pot-smoking, rebellious sister was played by freshman Emma Foreman, and the majority of the plot revolves around breaking down her tough, outer façade.

Sophomore Maddison Gilcrease played Georganne, the bride's “ugly sidekick” from high school who came to the wedding even with her strained relationship with the bride.

Trisha, played by senior Chelsea David, epitomizes the term “cougar”, but her bad reputation isn't all its cracked up to be.

The naïve, religious cousin to the bride was Frances, played by sophomore Sandy Rather, who turned out to be the butt of many jokes.

Senior Colleen Watts played Mindy, the lesbian sister to the groom that is as clumsy as

she is outspoken.

Tripp Davenport, played by senior Marion Paton, is the only male seen in the show, and he winds up being Mr. Right for one of the bridesmaids.

And finally, an important character that is not seen onstage is the notorious Tommy Valentine, an unscrupulous man whose only concern is getting into women's pants.

While most of the play is centered around gossip, a good deal of time is spent on why the bridesmaids were forced to wear such hideous dresses and which of the men in their lives is “the biggest piece of wet toast.” Tripp's character manages to bring something to the second act that was missing in the first: testosterone.

Finally, there are issues brought up in the play, such as Meredith being molested by Tommy Valentine as a teenager or Valentine's role as a “player” amidst women. It would seem the play would possibly deal with the darker issues Meredith's character brings up, or that the women would at least take revenge on this unseen Valentine.

The play, however, refuses to confront these issues, leaving the characters and costumes to salvage what's left.

Directors Lauren Morrison and Emily Slazer did an excellent job with staging the show and treating it with the giddiness it deserves. The set design was picture-perfect, and the cast brought the vibrancy and spunk the play desperately needed.

The costume choices were excellent as well, and if the dresses had not been as well chosen as they were, the play would have surely flopped on the floor like the “wet piece of toast” it is.

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		Wednesday 7-9pm
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		Wednesday 7-9pm
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Religious Studies	Lauren Rogers	Thursday 2-5pm
Sociology	Elizabeth Rosselli	Sunday 7-9pm
		Wednesday 7-9pm
Writing(English)	Corinne Cormier	Sunday 9-10pm
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		Mary Guerrant
	Wilborn Nobles	Wednesday 8-11pm
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- Keep heater away from computer towers

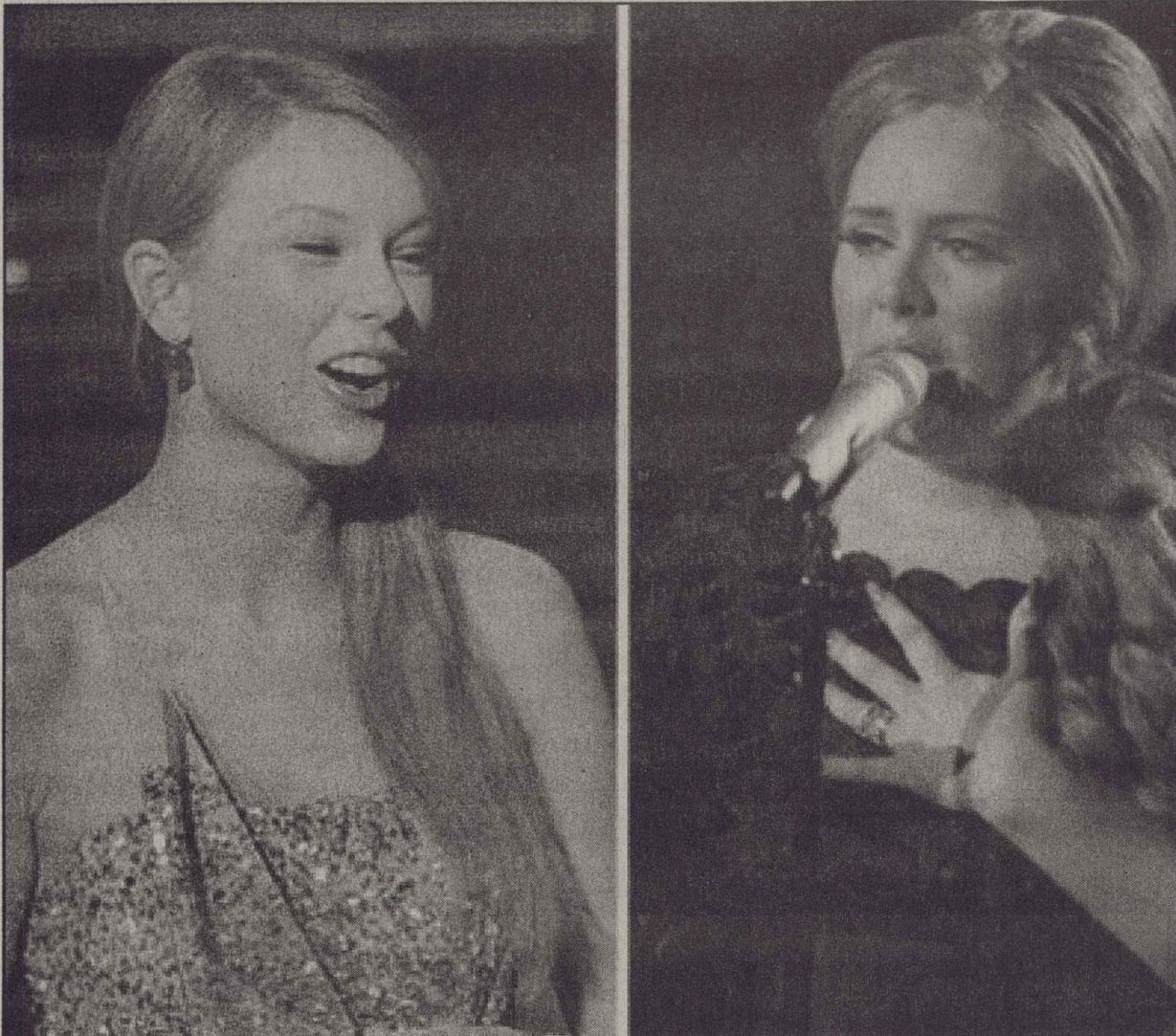


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A&E

Nicki, Taylor, and Adele Win Big at American Music Awards



David Cash
Staff Writer

The American Music Awards, which aired on ABC on Sunday, November 20, received praise from fans across the globe for its exciting performances and list of big stars.

Nicki Minaj opened the show in an explosive way with David Guetta performing "Turn Me On" and "Superbass." Minaj, covered in speakers from head to toe, sang her heart out performing for the audience, and really showed how she has grown as an artist.

Other performances included LMFAO's "Party Rock"

and Justin Bieber's "Under the Mistletoe."

The big winners at the show were Taylor Swift, Minaj, and Adele. Minaj, who had already won the crowd with her performance, took home the award for Favorite Rap/Hip-Hop Artist and Favorite Rap/Hip-Hop Album. Adele, who was not able to attend due to vocal chord surgery, took home two awards for Favorite Pop/Rock Female Artist, and Favorite Adult Contemporary Artist.

Swift, who had already won Artist of the Year in 2009, was shocked to receive her awards for Favorite Country Music Fe-

male Artist and Favorite Country Music Album. But to top it all off, she won the show by receiving the title of Artist of the Year.

Other winners included Bruno Mars, who won Favorite Pop/Rock Male artist, Beyonce, who won Favorite Female Soul/R&B artist, and Usher, took the award for Favorite Male Soul/R&B artist.

Who knows what new and exciting artists we will see at next year's AMAs. But one thing is for certain: it will be a tough act to follow.

Spotify Your Music

Nathan Yacovissi
Photographer

Some people may notice in their Facebook newsfeeds that their friends have been using an application called Spotify, a program that is giving people a new way to listen to music.

Spotify acts as a user's new music collection. It has the person's library from their computer, plus millions of other tracks that can be searched for and readily available. One other huge advantage is the music is streamed, so no waiting on downloads or space taken up on your hard drive.

Spotify first launched in the U.S. in July 2011, and approximately 15 million songs are accessible by users from many major and independent labels. The artists make money every time a track or album is listened to, so it is a great legal alternative to piracy. All the music played gets tracked too, so participating labels and artists can access powerful and in-depth reporting from the service.

Spotify is also social, because it is now possible to share what you are listening to on Facebook. All new users are also required to have a Facebook account in order to use Spotify. Your Facebook friends can scroll through

his/her newsfeed and listen to any song that is featured in the newsfeed. Music can also be sent straight to your friends and people can listen to it on demand.

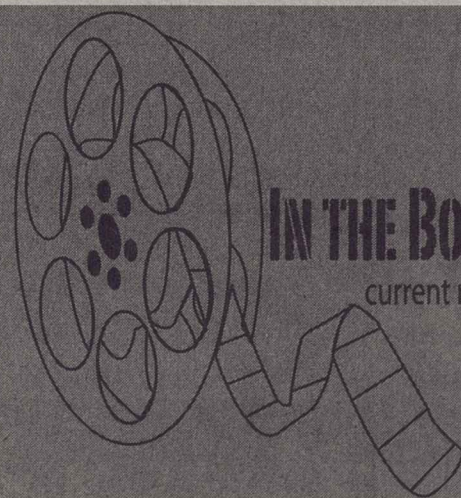
Users have access to a lot of content with Spotify's free accounts, but there are other account tiers that people can purchase and receive benefits from. The Unlimited account is \$4.99 per month and in addition to what comes in all the packages, songs aren't interrupted by pesky advertisements and there is unlimited streaming of music.

With a \$9.99 Premium account, users can add Spotify to mobile devices, have an offline mode for playlists, be free from advertisements, and stream unlimited music. Additionally, users have access to enhanced sound quality and exclusive content.

Overall, Spotify seems to be a new option for people who love listening to music. Even a free account allows users to listen to their music library in addition to a wide range of over a million tracks with minimal advertising.

The most unique aspect of Spotify has to be bringing a new meaning to file sharing where friends can share music on Facebook with each other to increase interest and hits for bands and musical artists.

Spotify™



In theaters this weekend:

Arthur Christmas
Arthur Christmas 3D
Hugo
Hugo 3D
The Muppets
Happy Feet 2: An IMAX 3D experience
Happy Feet 2
Happy Feet 2 in 3D
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1
Immortals
Immortals 3D
Jack and Jill
Tower Heist
Puss in Boots
Puss in Boots 3D

Now Playing and Coming Soon at The Robinson Film Center:

Drive
Mozart's Sister
Toast
The Help

The Conglomerate Newspaper

Meetings Sunday nights
3rd floor of the SUB

7pm



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Is Sampling Destroying Music?



Correa' Mayo
Staff Writer

You are a talented musician. You spend countless hours practicing on your instrument(s) of choice, coming up with new melodies and most importantly, looking for a sound that is original and all your own. These factors alone can be enough to bring a person to the brink of insanity.

The result of your sleepless nights and hard labor is a hit song with short-lived popularity. Within a short time, the popularity of your ballad soon runs its course and yet again you find yourself working to produce another successful hit.

Time passes, changes in music and culture come about and a few years down the line, a new artist comes about and is creating a feverish buzz with some catchy, sing along tune that is spreading over the country.

The problem with this catchy tune? It relies heavily on utilizing your memorable bass line or catchy drum pattern and you hadn't the slightest clue until it was brought to your attention. Your original song was sampled, with no credit or royalties given to it's creator.

Sampling is the act of taking a pre-recorded sound and looping it for use as an instrument in a new song or piece. Recently, sampling has become an issue of hot debate as artists are rising to fame using bits and pieces of obscure or sometimes very popular songs in their works.

Artists like Girl Talk, Timbaland, and of course Vanilla Ice, have all been put in the hot seat for taking full credit for songs that recognizably sample

other pieces with no credit given to the original creator.

Timbaland for instance, has a knack for sampling Arabic music in most of his earlier productions. Girl Talk can attribute his success to chopping up samples of popular hits and mashing them together in order to create an entirely new piece, sometimes using five or more different songs at a time! In Vanilla Ice's case, his fade into obscurity can be directly tied to the lawsuit following his song "Ice Ice Baby," which sampled Queen's "Under Pressure,"

without permission.

All three of these artists have been criticized as being thieves by some, but to what extent is the act of sampling thievery? Most producers hide behind the cover of distorting or adding effects to the samples that they use.

This is the case with Timbaland. As for Girl Talk, this latest album was released completely free of charge. His previous albums are available for purchase, but allows customers to choose their own price to pay -- including nothing. This brings about a new issue to the music

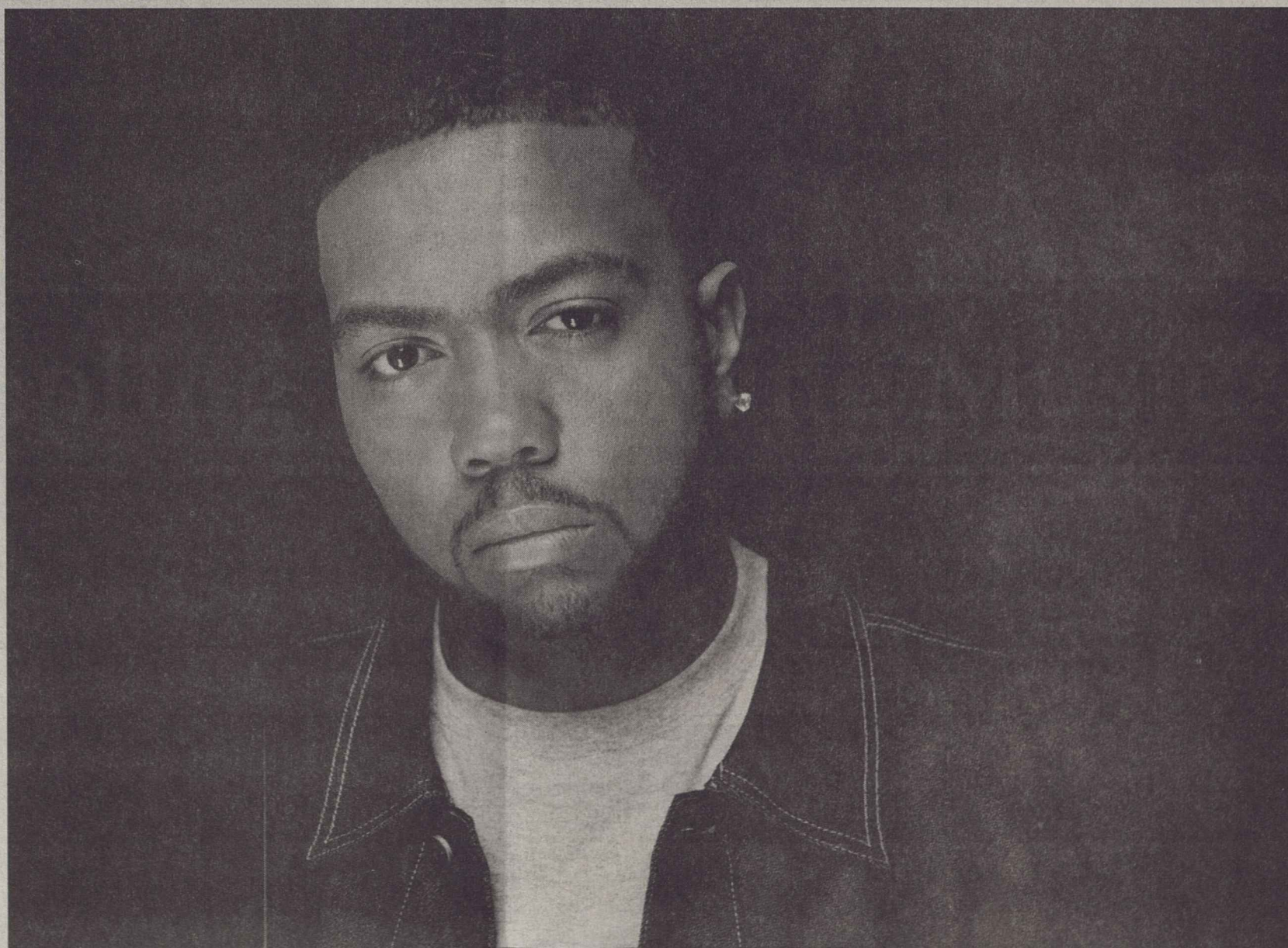
industry. As the Internet grows and music of all kinds becomes more widely available, musicians are turning to this mixing and mashing of sounds in order to produce songs.

Sampling has even gained popularity with mainstream music consumers and well known producers like Kanye West and Skrillex are cashing in on the use of popular song and sound samples in their music.

In the end, sampling can be a great thing for music. Artists like Girl Talk continue to demonstrate that new sounds

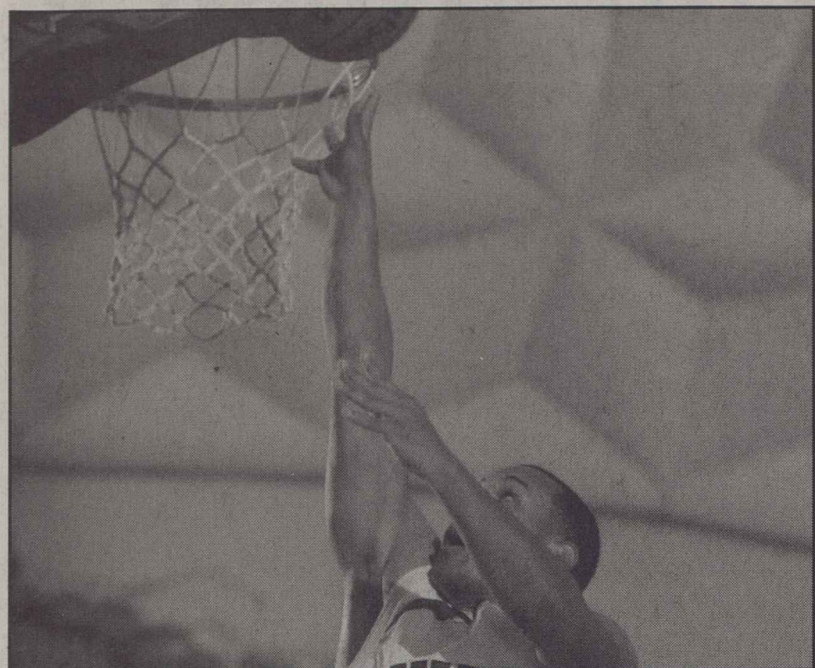
can be produced from old ones, changing the matter from theft to a matter of creativity.

Pablo Picasso is credited for coining the expression "Good artists borrow, great artists steal." In a lot of ways, this quote predicts the predicament music is facing right now with sampling. Just because you use a sample in a song doesn't necessarily make you a thief, but it could very well be the deciding factor between you being "good" or "great."



SPORTS

Gents Fall in first 2 weeks



Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

Courtesy of GoCentenary.com

The Centenary Gents Basketball team enters its first year in DIII and in the ASC Conference with several new faces. A total of 14 newcomers are on the squad, including 12 being freshmen and the rest sophomore transfers.

Returning to the Gents from last year's squad are seniors Maxx Nakwaasah, Matt Nichenko, and sophomore Jonathan Blount. The Gents had an early test with this young squad opening conference play on the road against preseason favorites and defending ASC champions, UT-Dallas. The ASC West Division team, University of Mary-Hardin Baylor also put the Gents to the test.

The Gents opened against UT-Dallas with a very strong start and kept up with a fast-

tempo style offense. The Gents held the lead early on but a 13-2 run by the Comets late in the first half allowed them to pull away and gain a 35-22 edge going into half-time.

Things were not much easier in the beginning of the second-half either, as a 15-2 run by UT-Dallas put the game out of reach for the Maroon and White, despite a valiant effort at the end to conclude the game with a 79-66 Comets victory.

It was Senior Maxx Nakwaasah that led the way for the Gents, scoring a team high of 24 points, in-which ten of them came in the final minute of play. Freshman Daniel Allen added 11 points and Caden Cheramie contributed ten points in the game as well. Centenary struggled in getting rebounds. Nakwaasah and freshman Saro Ntagha pulled six out each of the

29 total in comparison to UT-Dallas's 40 rebounds.

The Gents enjoyed a week off for the holidays before traveling to play University of Mary-Hardin Baylor. This game started out very competitively with the Gents using a 9-2 run to gain the lead after several early lead changes.

The Gents were able to push the score to 27-22. UMHB had a 20-2 run to close out the half. The Gents went to the locker room trailing 42-29. A 25-8 run out of intermission for UMHB put the game out of reach for the Gents. Centenary shot 31 percent from the field and struggled behind the arc, going 4-22. UMHB out-rebounded the Gents 48-31 and scored 23 points from turnovers.

Nakwaasah had a great game, putting up 34 points in a game high along with nabbing 7 rebounds while continuing his quest for 1000 points and 500 rebounds in his career. He currently needs 218 points and 116 rebounds to accomplish these goals. Sophomore Brandon Center also scored seven points while off the bench.

The Gents will play their only home games this semester at the opening on Thursday December 1st against Texas Lutheran at 7:30. They continue with their other home game for the weekend on Saturday, December 3rd against Schreiner at 3pm. Both games will be in the Gold Dome. Come out and support your Gents!

Centenary Swimming:
Racing First, Thanksgiving Later

Kate Rivers
Staff Writer

indisputably set the bar for the rest of the season.

While the rest of Centenary was arriving at their homes for Thanksgiving, Friday afternoon marked the beginning of a highly competitive meet for Centenary Swimming.

The Trinity Shootout meet is an annual event for the swim team, and although it takes place in Southlake, Texas, attracts a wide variety of the area's swim teams. The Centenary men and women's teams competed against teams such as Trinity University, University of Texas Permian Basin, Southwestern, Hendrix College and many more.

Highlighting the Ladies' swims for the meet were 5 first place finishes beginning with the 200-yard relay team of Chelsea Russell, Michelle Gaubert, Laura Huning, and Allison Jones with a finishing time of 1:40.29.

Also capturing first place with equal amounts of gusto were the 400-yard relay team of Brittany Wilkens, Hayley Schneider, Huning, and Russell, and the 400-yard free relay of Schneider, Russell, Gaubert, and Huning.

Individually, two Centenary Ladies captured first place finishes. Brittany Wilkens took first with a 2:32.49 time in the 200-yard breast and Julie Hughes with a 2:12.19 time in the 200-yard butterfly.

Although the Ladies ended up finishing in second place overall and the scores for diving had not been counted with as much emphasis as they were, Centenary would have won in a landslide. Regardless, the Ladies' performance for the weekend was undoubtedly their best performance of the year, and has

On the Gents side of the meet, Devin Ross and Ross Olivier led the top individual finishes with Ross winning the 200-yard free, 100-yard free, 50-yard free and the 100-yard fly, and Olivier winning the 100-yard backstroke.

Also displaying some magnificent swimming were the first place finishing Gents relays of Peter Henry, Austin Butler, Anthony LeBlanc and Devin Ross in the 200-yard free relay and the 400-yard free relay.

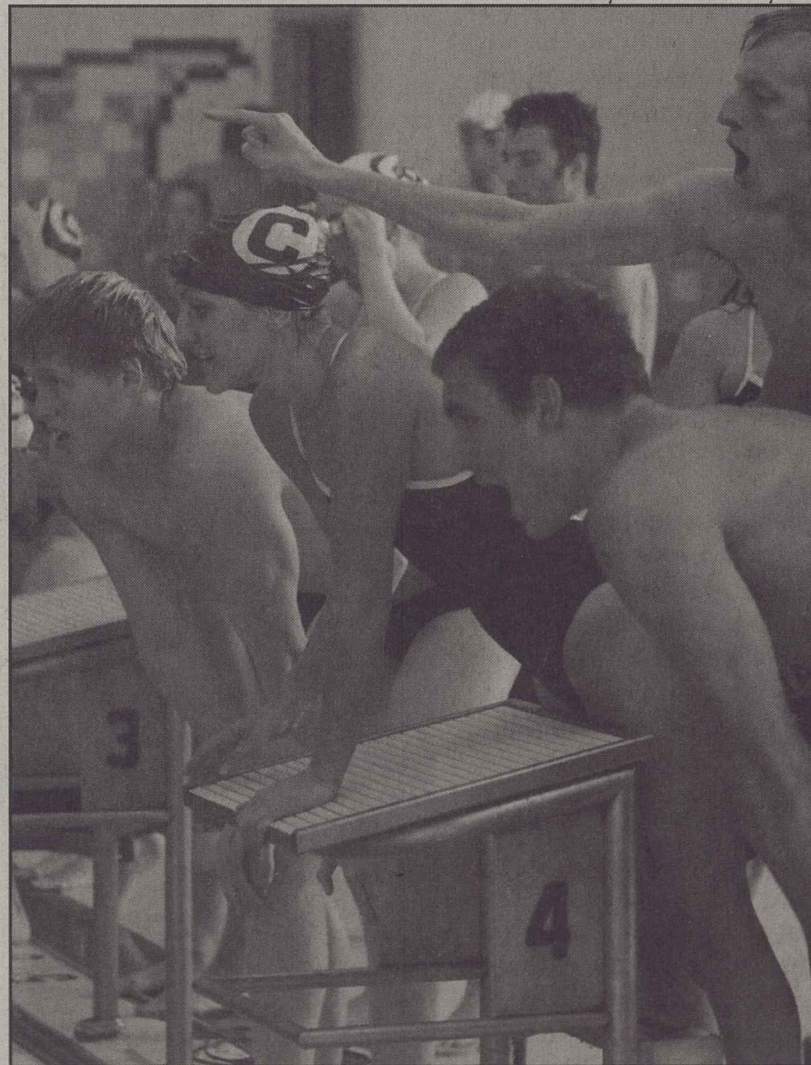
Also finishing in the top three of their individual events on the boys side were Austin Butler, Peter Henry, Matthew Pittman, and Chris Kalmbach.

Although they finished the meet in third behind University of Texas Permian Basin and Trinity University, the Gents put up quite a fight and displayed some spectacular swimming.

Even though the Trinity Shootout meet was at the beginning of Thanksgiving Break, the Centenary Swim Team still seemed to perform to the peak of their abilities. With only four meets left before the Conference Championship in Cleveland, Mississippi, the Ladies and Gents swim team still has ground to cover and teams to conquer.

With season best times being swum at every meet, they are bound to have a magnificent Conference performance and are continuing to work towards that goal. The team will travel in December to Little Rock, Arkansas for the UALR invitation in hopes of another great meet.

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NFL Update: *Playoffs Heat Up*

Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

It's that time of year when teams in the playoff hunt are fighting to clinch the division. Other teams are making a final effort to remain in talks for the playoffs as the final weeks wind down. There is still one undefeated team and one team that remains winless, and suddenly a two team race in the NFC East with one of the preseason favorites barely in playoff talks. Let's see how things unfolded in week 12.

On Thanksgiving day, there were two great games slated to take place. One of the surprise teams this season, the Detroit Lions, took on the undefeated Green Bay Packers. It wasn't much of a game as the Packers went to 11-0 with a 27-15 win.

The Lions are now looking from the outside in if the Chicago Bears win, falling to third place in their division. The Bears took on another surprise team this year, the Oakland Raiders, who currently lead the AFC West, but have the Denver Broncos right

behind them too.

The Raiders took the win this week with a 25-20 win to remain in the Division lead, while the Bears are tied in second with the Lions. The Broncos prevailed in overtime this week against the San Diego Chargers 16-13 to remain a game behind.

The other game going on Thanksgiving was the Dallas Cowboys and Miami Dolphins. The Cowboys prevailed 20-19, and are now looking at being first in their Division if the New York Giants lose on Monday.

Of course it is not a time to panic, but the favorites for that division this year, the Philadelphia Eagles, continued falling back in standings with a 38-20 loss against the New England Patriots. The Buffalo Bills continued to struggle with a 28-24 loss to the New York Jets, allowing the Jets to hop over them in the standings for 2nd place and back in the playoff picture.

The Houston Texans and Baltimore Ravens secured their leads at the top of their divisions this week with victories. Houston

topped the Jacksonville Jaguars 20-13 and the Ravens beat the San Francisco 49ers 16-6. The Pittsburgh Steelers remained a game behind the Ravens and a strong candidate for one of the Wild Card spots with a 13-9 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs.

The Indianapolis Colts still remain without a victory this season as they fell to the Carolina Panthers 27-19. Wrapping up the scoreboard this week were: Cincinnati Bengals over the Cleveland Browns 23-20, the Atlanta Falcons over the Minnesota Vikings 24-14, Arizona Cardinals 23 to the St. Louis Rams 20, the Tennessee Titans 23 to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 17, and the Washington Redskins over the Seattle Seahawks 23-17.

The New Orleans Saints played the New York Giants in a very important game on Monday that would have plenty of playoff implications on the outcome. It isn't quite make or break yet, but every week matters now.

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

December
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Swimming, Men and Women's, Dec. 01 - 03, UALR Invite at Little Rock, Ark, 7:00 p.m.

December
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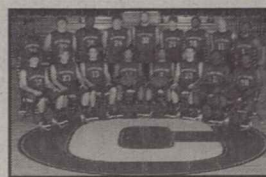


Basketball
Women's
Dec. 03
Schreiner
Gold Dome
1:00 p.m.



Basketball
Men's
Dec. 03
Schreiner
Gold Dome
3:00 p.m.

December
8



Basketball
Men's
Dec. 08
Hardin-Simmons
at Abilene,
Texas
7:30 p.m.



Basketball
Women's
Dec. 08
Hardin-Simmons
at Abilene,
Texas
5:30 p.m.

SPORTS

Athlete of the Week:
Maxx Nakwaasah

Stefen Finley
Sports Editor

Maxx Nakwaasah
Sport: Basketball
Classification: Senior
Position: Guard/ Forward
Hometown: Richardson, Tx
Major: Accounting
Favorite Color: Navy Blue
Favorite Sports Team: Lakers and Cowboys
Favorite Restaurant: Fogo de Chao
Favorite Musical Artist: Kanye West
Favorite TV Show: Pardon The Interruption
Favorite Movie: Man on Fire
Hobbies: Playing all sports and spending time with family
What do you plan on doing after graduation: Moving back to Dallas and working on getting my CPA license
People you look up to: Both of my parents and Obama
When did you start playing or getting involved in your sport and why: Grew up watching my older brother play and wanted to be just like him.
What goes through your head as you prepare for every game: How I can best help my team win
What is your most memorable moment in your career: Making

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a game winning buzzer beater freshman year that made sports center top ten plays.

What is your least favorite thing about your sport and what is your most favorite: Favorite is scoring points and rebounding. Least favorite is running suicides
If you could sum up your life in one song what would it be: Eminem Lose Yourself

What advice would you give younger athletes in your sport: Stick to the fundamentals don't try to do all the fancy moves you see NBA players do. Focus on the basics first

Name three things you own that describe you: Texas Flag, Calculator, and Family portraits

What is your most over used word or phrase: "Two man game" "How bout them Cowboys?"

High School academic accomplishments, rewards or honors societies: Dean's list, All academic conference, National Honor Society, graduated in the top 10% of class

High School sports accomplishments, rewards, and placements: DISD Coca-Cola All tournament team, McDonald's Invitational All tournament team, District offensive MVP, District all-newcomer team

Ladies Basketball Tip-Off

Christian Prince
Staff Writer

The Centenary Ladies 2011-2012 season has officially begun. On November 11, the Ladies began their season with an exhibition game against Southeastern Louisiana University.

The Ladies began the game strong, providing to be a contender for the Lions, but due to being outsized the Ladies struggled to get boards, giving the Lions a large advantage. Even though lack of effort was not the case, the Ladies fell to the Lions 83-54.

The official season opener was held Tuesday November 15 against the Lady Demons of

Northwestern State. Tensions ran high with the Ladies head and assistant coaches being NSU alumni. The will to win was stronger than ever.

Try as they might the Ladies were outsized and had trouble grabbing much needed boards. Junior Jalena Sanders and Sophomore Tandra Shamblin, each critical post players, ended up fouling out of the game. This caused the Ladies to put in a 5-guard lineup. The final result was a loss for the Ladies with a score of 109-72.

The following Saturday conference play began for the Ladies as they headed to UT-Dallas who were picked to come in second place in the conference. With

a 26 woman roster, UT-Dallas came to play.

The Ladies struggled to find their rhythm in the first half while UTD could barely miss a shot. As the second half rolled around with about 15 minutes to go the Ladies dug deep with fighting strength. They changed tempo to full-on hustling and running the floor getting the easy buckets. Sadly, time expired before the Ladies made a full come back and they lost with the final score 73-59.

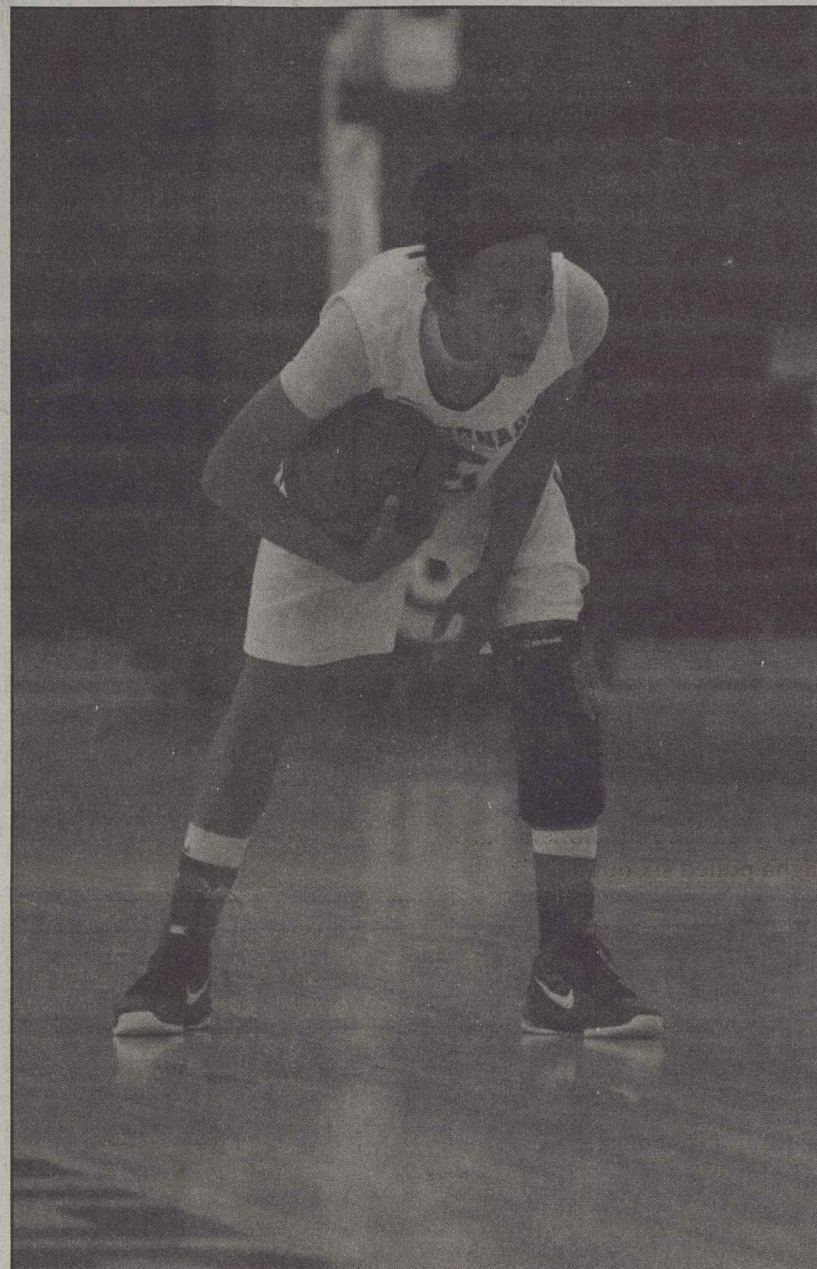
In what turned out to be a weekend trip for the Ladies and Gents, over Thanksgiving break, the Ladies traveled to Belton and Austin, Texas to take on the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and Concordia University.

The first game with UMHB looked to be a solid win for the Ladies. Playing solid defense and transitioning that hard work into offensive points the Ladies had a halftime lead of nine points. They held this lead for much of the second half as well. Unfortunately UMHB went on a run at the end of the game that was just enough to defeat the Ladies, 68-57.

The Concordia game caused major props to senior Megan Daniel who scored an astounding 30 points, hitting 6 threes to achieve that total. The Lady Tornadoes picked up the pressure on Daniel after the fourth three which causes Daniel's total to be even more astounding.

Down by eight at halftime, the Ladies came out with hopeful spirits to come back. Too bad Concordia's press provided to be too much causing the Ladies to turn the ball over 35 times. With seconds winding down the Ladies got it together enough to try and make a run, but yet again time was not on their side and they fell to the Lady Tornadoes 94-79.

January will provide a five game home streak for the Ladies in the coming weeks.



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Student Athletic Advisory Committee

Julia Puac
Website Manager

Centenary College is more than just a melting pot of different racial cultures and ethnicities; it is also home to a melting pot of cultures within social groups. From music majors, theater majors, science majors, english, communication, all the way to athletic teams: each has a niche, a culture, and an organization that brings them together even more.

The Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) is one such organization that brings together athletic teams from every season. SAAC creates "brother" and "sister" teams that work to support and attend every athletic sport.

Two members of each team are chosen by their teammates and coaches to serve as their team's SAAC Representative for that academic year. For the first time in the history of Centenary's SAAC, an Executive Council (EC) has been created to complete SAAC.

Members of the Executive council are: President, Taylor Gilmore (Women's Volleyball); Vice President of Programming, Matt Nichenko (Men's

Basketball); Vice President of Public Relations, Rachel Grinnell (Women's Golf); Secretary, Trey Lavespere (Men's Baseball).

This committee meets once a month with the team representatives, along with Men's Basketball Coach and Compliance Officer, Coach Adam Walsh. In these meetings they discuss programs that engage the athletic teams in community work and bringing them together. The brother and sister teams are one of the programs made for the athletic teams.

"Matt Nichenko and I matched up teams according to their size and their season of competition," said Gilmore. "For example, women's volleyball (fall sport) is matched up with the men's basketball team (winter/spring sport). Larger teams like men's swimming and baseball each have two sister teams that are smaller (women's golf, women's cross country, women's tennis, etc).

"These teams support each other in their seasons by writing cards, attending games, and by other means."

SAAC has participated in big service events throughout the year like The Big Event and MLK

day service events.

"This year's service day, our student athletes will again be visiting Querbes Park however we are stepping up our organizational skills a bit and creating a Wacky Olympics and festival-themed day. It will be a real treat for both the neighborhood kids and our athletes I think," said Gilmore.

At the end of the semester SAAC plans out parties for the athletic teams. The winter party is informal, while the Spring event SAAC takes the athletes to a catered banquet in a nearby hotel with guest speakers and awards of recognition.

This year's brother sister teams are:

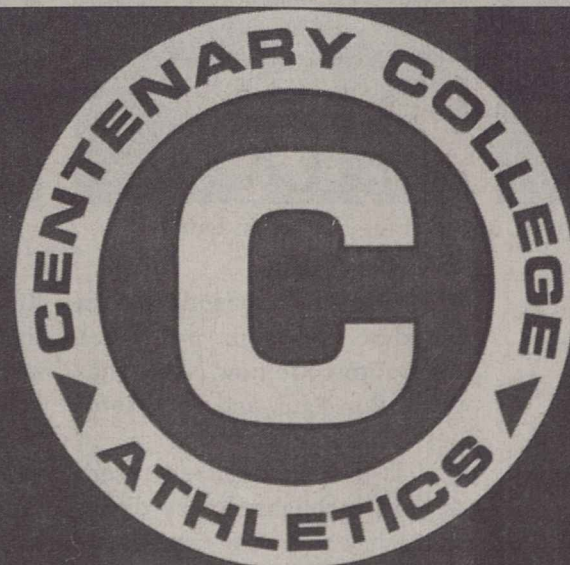
Men's Basketball	Women's Volleyball
Men's Swimming	Women's Cross Country
Baseball	Women's Golf & Women's Swimming
Women's Soccer	Men's Cross Country
Women's Basketball	Men's Soccer
Men's Tennis	Women's Tennis
Men's Tennis	Women's Gymnastics

Some of the stories Gilmore expressed from the outcome of the Brother sister team are: "The men's basketball team has attended not only all of our home

games, but also several away games during this past volleyball season."

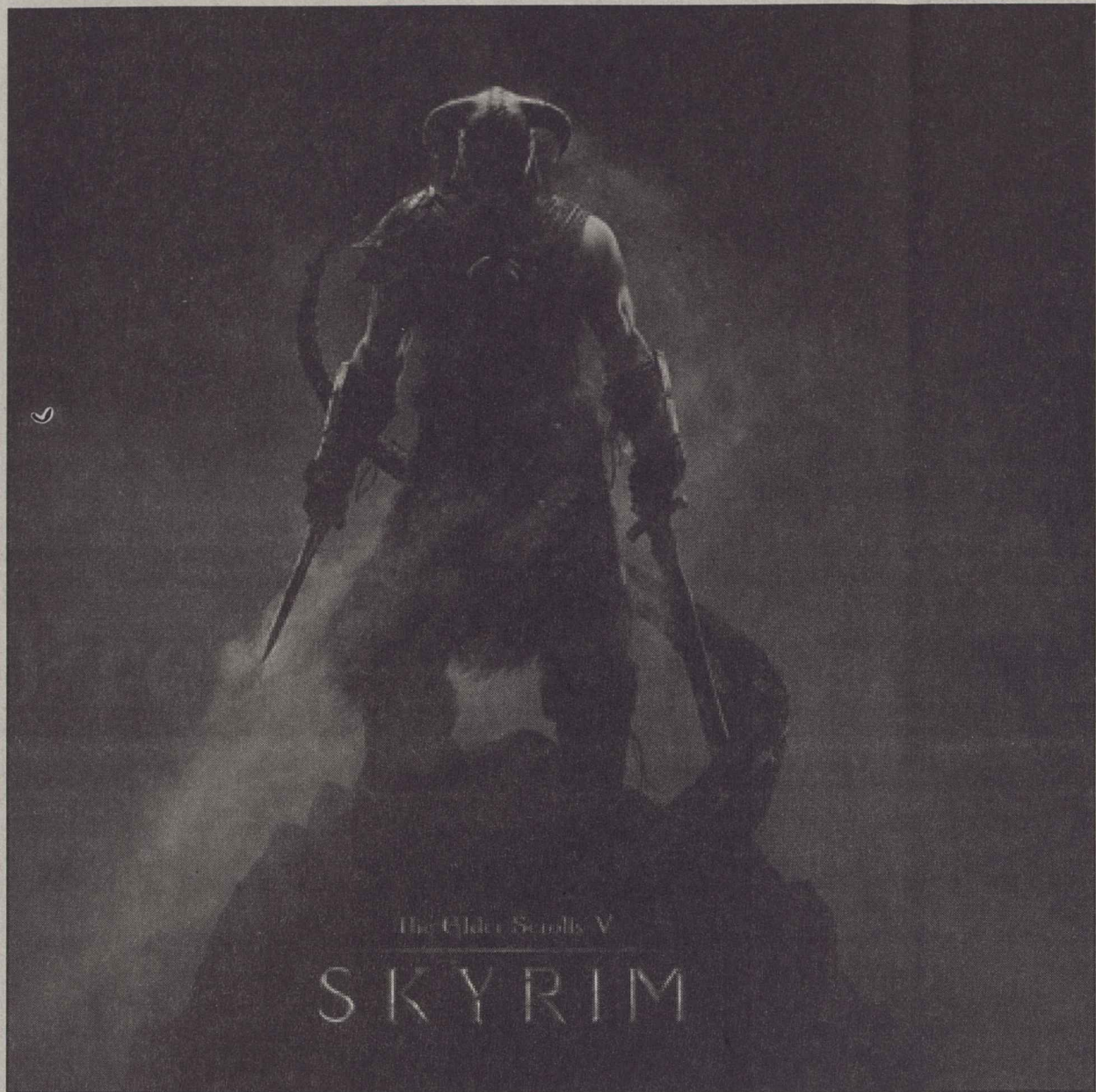
"For my senior night, the whole team wrote each senior a card," she said. "Women's golf covered the baseball team's locker room with streamers before their first game against LSU-S, and women's basketball made goody bags for the men's soccer team on their last away trip."

SAAC is a great team-building organization. Students see athletes as close as a family, SAAC has a great deal in providing this bond with each team, and ultimately providing unity for the Centenary community.



VIEWPOINTS

Gamer's Paradise



Dustin Sexson
Staff Writer

What's up assassinos, soldiers, Argonians, elves, Khajiits, and orcs?

Gaming has been really busy with a lot of release dates of new hot video games.

Several top-notch games were released within a few weeks of each other: Assassin's Creed: Revelations, Battlefield 3, Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3, and The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim.

Assassin's Creed: Revelations continues the story of Desmond's trips into the Animus to discover the secrets locked away within his genetic code through his ancestors, Ezio Auditore and Altair. Desmond now is trapped within the Animus -- a machine used to access his genetic memories of his ancestors -- after an injury that left him on the brink of death.

The new Assassin's Creed (AC) brings the gameplay that all AC fans have come to love into a new city: Constantinople. Also,

new weapons become part of Ezio's arsenal; Ezio acquires the hookblade and ability to make different bombs out of materials that he finds around Constantinople.

The game adds a new game mode unlike any of the previous AC games, "Protect the Den." The player is given the ability to call in Assassins to protect Assassin guilds from the Templars. Ubisoft has definitely produced a worthy entry into their amazing franchise with the new game, Revelations.

After many games and a lot of different debates about which game is better—Call of Duty (CoD) or Battlefield (BF)—both franchises have put out new games in their series. Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3 and Battlefield 3 have put forth a new campaign and multiplayer experience.

Call of Duty has struck again with its, in my opinion, unrealistic online play. Players tend to run around with reckless abandon, playing like it is a game. On the other hand, Battlefield

players usually treat the game as if it is realistic. Players play as their class on Battlefield—snipers hang back and snipe, whereas in Call of Duty a sniper would usually run around quick scoping from point-blank range. Both games have indeed brought back their well known play styles.

Bethesda struck again with the new release to their Elder Scrolls franchise with The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim. Skyrim brought back the usual play style of the previous Elder Scrolls. A few subtle changes have been incorporated to create a new atmosphere. Bethesda has released a new country plagued by the return of dragons, previously believed to be extinct. Again, as a player, you can enjoy the travel aspect, open fighting style, and skill leveling system of the new release to Bethesda's Elder Scrolls franchise.

New games for the late 2011 year have created new atmospheres and new experiences for new and old players of each franchise.

Go Green! [House]: Semester Accomplishments

Karley Aiken
A&E Editor

to be the strongest aspect of what has been rooted in students so far.

The Living Learning Sustainability community has had a great start this semester in regards to classroom and hands-on education, community service, and implementation of sustainable practices.

The Sustainability crew has completed a total of five field trip opportunities in order to extend education and experience from the classroom; students have visited the Shreveport landfill, the Shreveport Farmer's Market, a local home with a bio-diesel production operation, Coat's Bluff, and, most recently, the Pratt Recycling facility. These educational experiences allow students the opportunity to witness the types of systems that they are learning about within the classroom.

At the beginning of the year, Dr. Hamming optimistically claimed personal transformation as a main goal for starting the program.

"Sustainability is about personal transformation -- but that's not enough. We have to change the system. This program is the first step towards starting that conversation, learning what the issues are, and forging bonds with each other," she said.

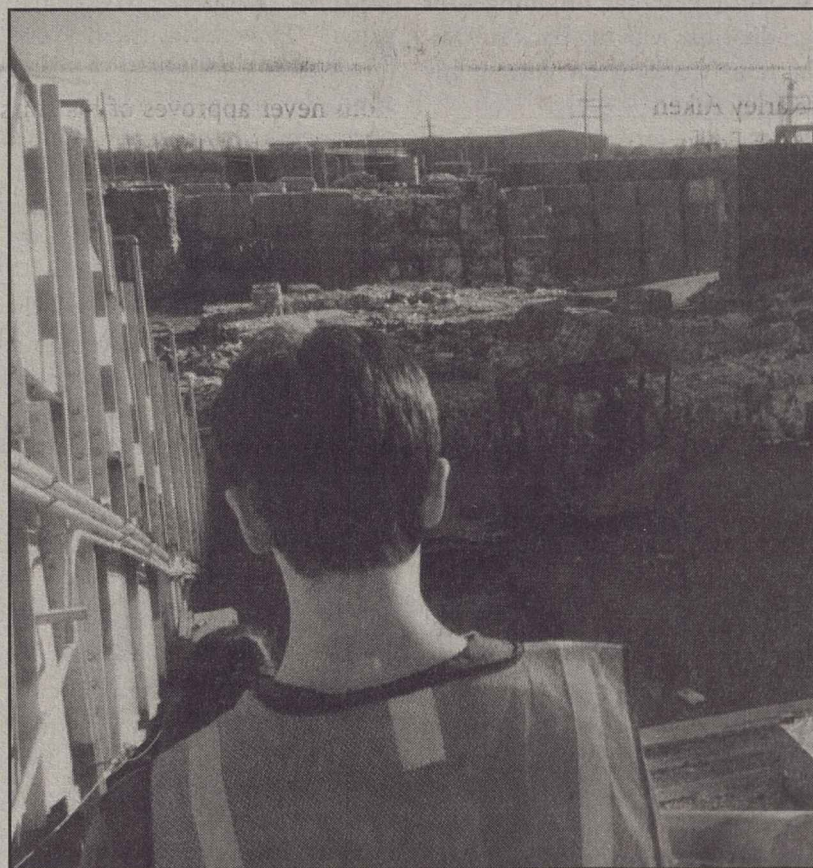
Now that we're getting closer to the end of the first semester of having an active community, personal transformation seems

Students are becoming more active in the community as a result of learning exactly what is going on in the systems of government, the breakdown of society, and corporations/businesses. Students are beginning to understand that yes -- one person really does make a significant difference. Students are changing the ways they are living, learning, and even the ways that they are encouraging others to participate.

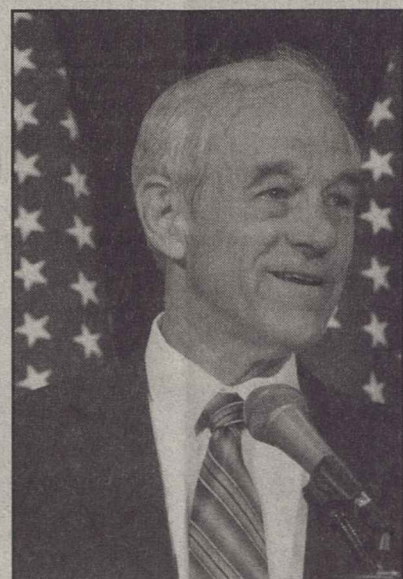
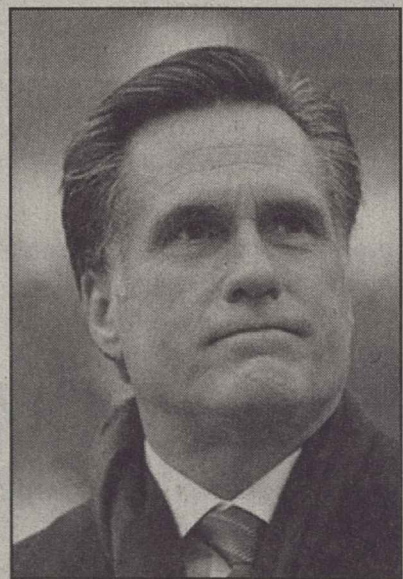
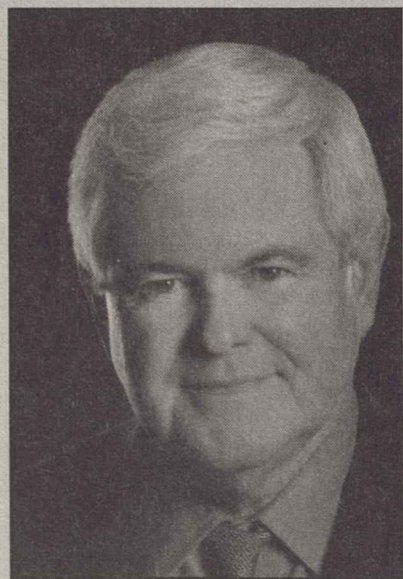
Implementing a Sustainability Living Learning community at Centenary was never about saving the world. It's about doing what we can to make our Earth a more sustainably livable place and, in turn, prepare students and future students for a society that may not realize how imperative this goal is.

The GreenHouse will soon be recruiting students for next year's program--if you're interested, make sure to contact Jeanne Hamming, Troy Messina, or any one of the GreenHouse students.

To stay updated with the GreenHouse and to find out how you can participate, friend "Centenary GreenHouse" on Facebook, "like" their Facebook page, or "follow" them on Tumblr: www.centenarygreenhouse.tumblr.com.



Presidential Candidacy Update



From Left to Right: Newt Gingrich, Mitt Romney, and Ron Paul

Andrea Violet
Business Manager

The presidential race has narrowed significantly from its outset, now showing four clear leaders. The rest may still be in the race, but these four appear to be the "roadrunners" of the race,

leaving the other candidates in the dust. The four prominent competitors are now Newt Gingrich, Ron Paul, and Mitt Romney.

Two of the relatively recent debates highlighted very different aspects of the candidates.

The debate sponsored by the Tea Party and CNN produced hard questions, which showed the candidates' charisma and ability to articulate their positions.

Another recent debate was held in Iowa and was almost a cross between debate and a

church revival meeting, which showcased each candidate's individual morals and ethics, and shone a more personal light on their opinions of the issues. This being said, the topics discussed next are being taken from a wide array of debates and public speeches and platforms.

One of the most recent hot topics being discussed by Gingrich is immigration. He is the first Republican candidate, apart from Rick Perry, to take a more moderate stand on the issue. However, unlike Perry's support for in-state tuition and citizenship for young illegal immigrants, Gingrich's stance on legalization for those who have deep family roots placed here in America just may prove to be a contributing factor to his success in the race.

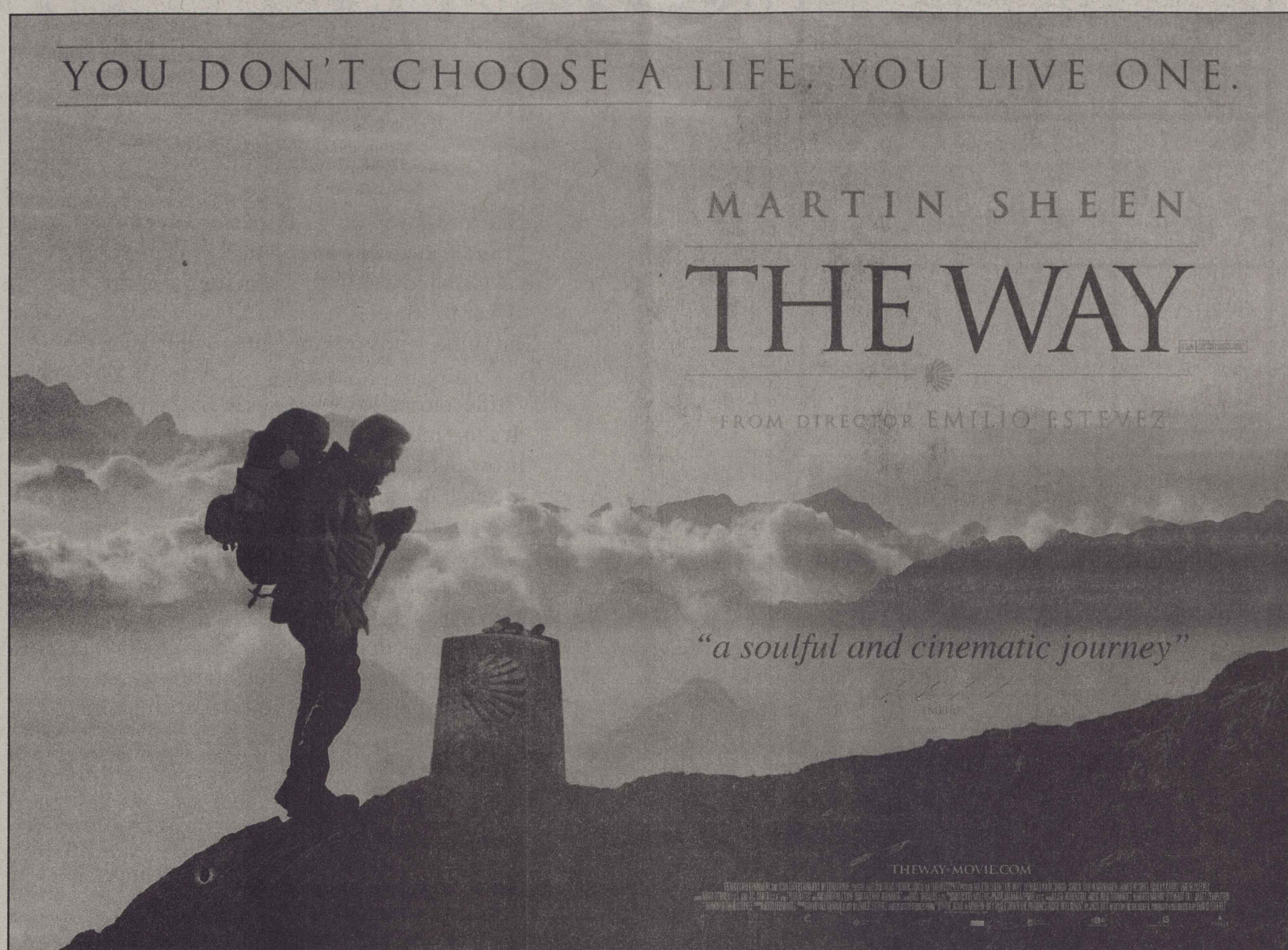
One of Paul's greatest attributes is that of bringing the federal government back in line

with the exact roles the Constitution gives it, and leaving the rest of the power up to the states. I agree wholeheartedly with this. However, Paul has one major problem. His support of isolationist policies will not fare well, with the rise of globalization and increasing dependence on cooperation in the global community.

This brings us to Romney. Well, at least he has nice hair. That is my only personal credit towards him. That being said, American public must see something else that I am missing, according to poll numbers. In order to glean attention for a race as important as the one for Presidential candidacy, you have to stand out from the crowd. This can be done through your platforms, morals, ideals, and charisma. He, thus far, is unable to pull off the magnitude of character needed to stand in front of the crowd in this race.

VIEWPOINTS

“The Way” eye-opening, refreshing



Karley Aiken
A&E Editor

“The Way”, a dramatic comedy written and directed by Emilio Estevez, was filmed entirely in Spain and France along the Camino de Santiago.

The film focuses on Tom, the father of a traveling son whose latest project was to walk the El Camino (a multiple month trip).

Tom never approves of his son's adventurous side, as a practical old father.

However, when Tom gets a call from overseas that his son has died in an accident on his first day of the trek, he is faced with regret and feels obliged to retrieve his son's body and return him home. Once he gets to France, Tom decides against his original goal to return his

son home and instead chooses to bring honor to his son's wishes and walk the El Camino himself, ashes in tow.

Along the road, Tom encounters other pilgrims from around the world, each with their own issues and looking for greater meaning in their lives: a Dutchman, a Canadian, and an Irish writer, who is suffering from a bout of writer's block.

Though he doesn't prefer the

company, the band of pilgrims stick together on and off, and form unintended friendships. Eventually they help one another figure out the true reason that they are walking the Way, as opposed to the transparent reasons that they originally claimed.

From the unexpected and, oftentimes, amusing experiences along “The Way,” this unlikely

group creates an everlasting bond and Tom begins to learn what it means to be a citizen of the world again. Through Tom's unresolved relationship with his son, he discovers the difference between “the life we live and the life we choose.”

This film is eye-opening and a refreshing story in regards to the aspects of friendship, self-enlightenment, and family.

A Million Reasons: Really?

Hadley Million
Layout Editor

Really? This seems to be a question that has plagued my mind as of late. For me and for other poor souls, it's not a question of clarification but more of a response that indicates a strong fear for the sake humanity and for the person committing the act.

To those that have experienced this response I would like to offer this Million Reasons as an homage to all those who are left quaking in their boots wondering if the world really is doomed when they see a distinctly horrifying image. To those who have yet to experience this response, you're either not paying attention or you're an enigma and I wish I could learn your ways of seeing everything in a positive light.

One “Really?” inducing moment that I've experienced recently had to do with parking. I don't know if anyone else has noticed or

is blind as I am at night but when trying to park at night it is very hard to see the painted lines on the parking lot, particularly where the parallel parking spots are located.

So, one night I came back to school and parked in one of the parallel parking spots. Being blind, I didn't realize I accidentally parked over two parking spots. Luckily, I hadn't parked too far over the other parking spot so there was enough room for someone else to park behind me. Unluckily, someone apparently got extremely furious at my lack of sight and decided to leave me a hastily scribbled note on my windshield. When I read the words “Learn how to park, idiot” I couldn't help but chuckle and sadly ask the anonymous note Nazi, “really?”

A time of the year when my questioning of humanity becomes more noticeable is when Black Friday rolls around.

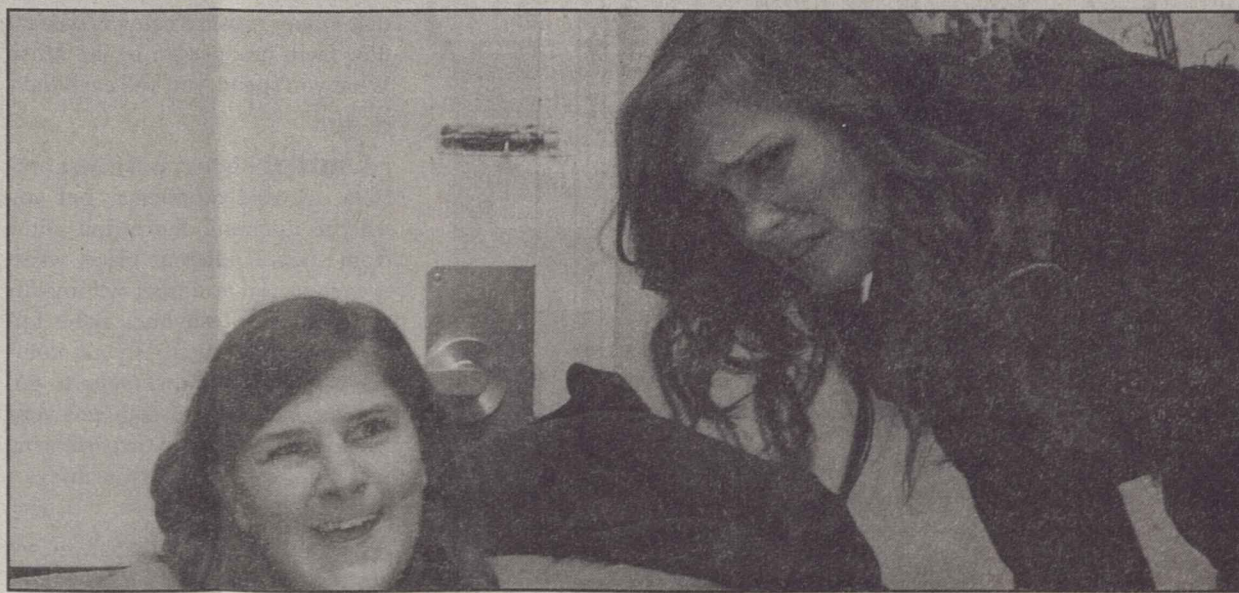
I realize that it's great to have savings deals, but “really?” I went to Walmart just to see what the endless days of planning and strategizing were all about. Never before have I ever been more afraid. Walmart became less of a grocery store and more like an actual human zoo, except there weren't any cages. I think the cages would've helped the situation, or at least would've put some of the women in check who were playing tug-of-war with a giant Power Wheels con-

vertible for the sake of their three year olds.

Black Friday makes me doubt the spirit of Christmas. I didn't participate in Black Friday but I got a taste of what it was like to be on the battlefield. My brother and I got separated from my cousins and when my brother tried to get in front of a woman to get to our cousins she flipped out and screamed “We're all trying to get to the same place! Don't cut!” It would've been obvious that we weren't buying anything

if the woman actually looked at us. I just looked at her and slid past and whispered sweetly in her ear, “Really?”

No matter how often “really?” is uttered to strange passerby and overly dramatic peers it seems humanity will never cease to amaze me. All we can do is find secret joy in others' downfalls and hope they will continue to make me giggle when they get really worked up over things that aren't going to matter in less than an hour.

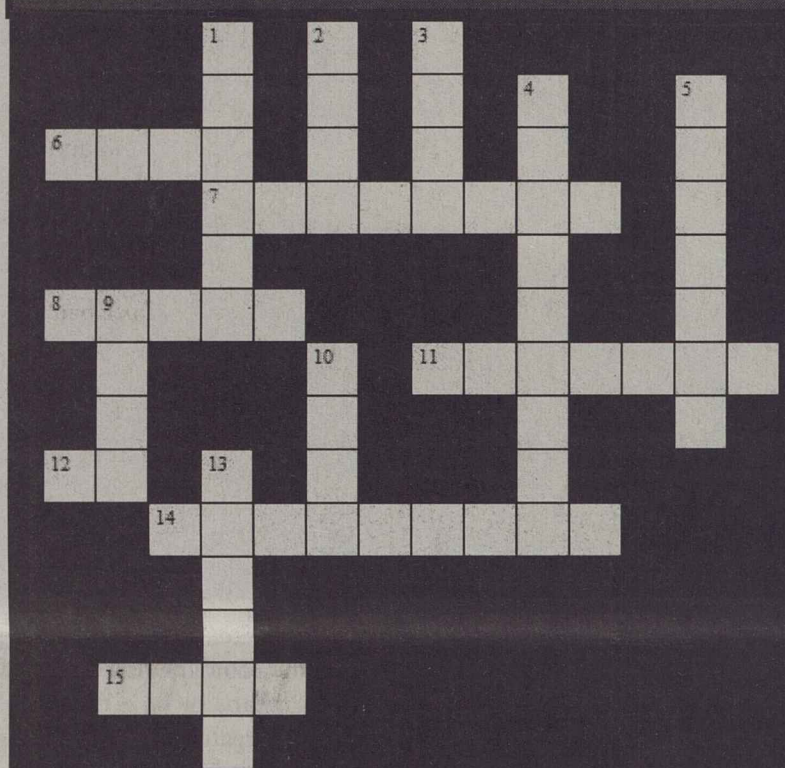


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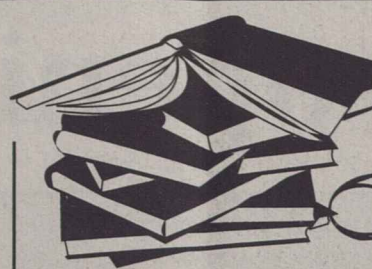
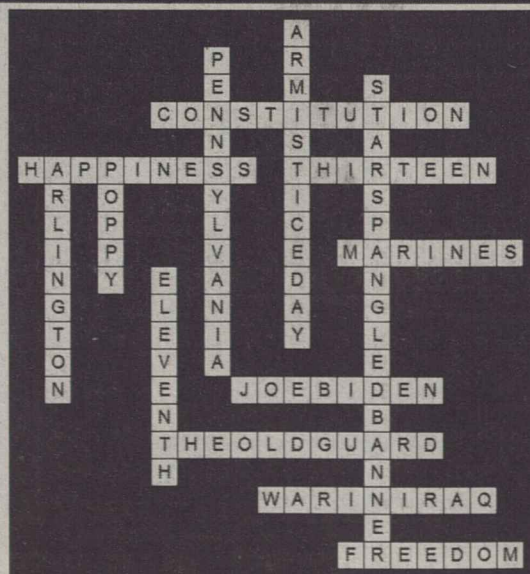
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Literary

Chevy Cobalt

by Hadley Million

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She looks; you only glance sideways at her,
but if she turns away, quick eyes prefer.
Call and call until temptation causes
her to waver. Count up all your losses.
The spine sends tremors, breath quickens the
heart,
stifle a moan, give a quick kiss, then part.
It's too much effort to say the whole truth,
throw her a rope, a letter. There's your proof.
Drench it with salt, rub it in open wounds.
A car ride should do it, gaze at the moon.
Traces of fog as the mouth interjects.
Fingers inch dying for what they can't get.
Drop her off once more, give a mocking grin.
Piercing eyes in hopes she might understand.
She won't, never will, disinterest stains
her uneven mouth with voiceless complaints.

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Horoscopes

Aries- This week will bring many good things to you. You will find all the motivation you could ever need in order to get through the mountains of homework and studying that you will have to overcome. You will put all deadlines to shame and have plenty of time left over to finally relax.

Taurus- Your favorite television show will go into hibernation and you will be a complete wreck over it. Just log onto Hulu or Netflix and find a healthy alternative to your old addiction until its return. With your discovery, you may find several new shows to obsess over and also make more friends to enjoy the experiences with.

Gemini- You will find a penny on the ground. This is a symbol of good wealth and fortune to come in your future. Whether it's money for the holidays or a refund from Centenary, spend it frivolously. Always remember that life is short and that money must remain in constant flow from one person to the other. What you spend, you will eventually re-earn.

Cancer- Others will have a horrible cafeteria experience, but you will be different. Since you come from such a different place, whatever is served at dinner will mostly appeal to your taste buds alone. Enjoy this. Eat as much as your stomach will allow and then get a to-go box for later. Try to convince your friends to try them, for experiencing new things with friends is always a good thing.

Leo- You may think that you are destined to roam the Earth alone

for eternity, but the fishes in the sea are plenty and one has its eyes set on you. Planking is not a cool thing to do. Instead, try pretending to be a gargoyle. Unlike a plank that lays flat and can easily break, a gargoyle shows extreme pride and provokes fear in others. Perch yourself high and watch as all admire, or fear you from below. The only thing that should bother you are the pigeons, so wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty. Closely examine how people act around you and look for any hints on attraction. Your special someone might be closer than you think, or still stuck at the bottom of the sea waiting for you the find them.

Virgo- You may think you are rolling in the deep, but never always remember that there is someone like you. Rumor has it that the two of you will hit it off. Turning tables will keep both of you on your toes and will make your relationship all the more interesting. Your new love may give you the cold shoulder but just keep on chasing pavements until you all is well again.

Libra- Procrastination will not cut it for you this week. Get into the right gear and finish everything ahead of time. You do not want to spend the last minute working on everything while your friends are out celebrating, and you also do not want to fail any more exams. Prove to yourself and everybody else that you have what it takes to make the Dean's list.

Scorpio- You will find yourself in a rough patch for awhile, but instead of trying to deal with it by yourself, seek help from your closest friends. They will always know what

Daniel Proveaux

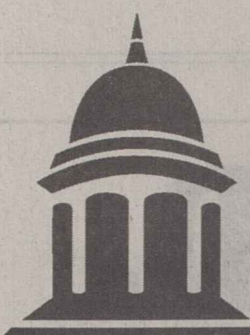
to do and what to say to make you feel better. Remember, laughter is really the best medicine.

Sagittarius- Today is a good day to be nostalgic. Just sit back and remember the good old days when everything was simple and you did not have to stay up all night working on a paper that is only worth 5% of your final grade. Perhaps these memories will give you inspiration for your writing, or just make you feel a lot better.

Capricorn- Check your campus mailbox. You may have a sweet surprise waiting for you. You may have letter from home or a check from the school. Whatever is in your mailbox will put a smile on your face because it's always nice to open it up and find something waiting for you. If your mailbox is empty, mail an encouraging letter to yourself and wait awhile. Nobody else has to know about it.

Aquarius- It is about time for you to get in tune with nature. Go for hike, or a walk in the forest. Even sitting in the arboretum would be acceptable. Just take the time to appreciate everything. Go on a camping trip with friends and see how well you fare in the wilderness. Enjoy the peace and quiet and ignore the sounds of bears growling.

Pisces- Pick your friends wisely this week. Nothing seems to be going your way but conveniently enough that person you thought who never noticed you? Yeah, they notice you. But they also notice your cute friend too. Your friend has known about this crush for awhile but that doesn't mean it will stop said friend from prowling on your new hot flame.



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Record Week for Gents

Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

The Centenary Gents have turned over a new leaf this year when approaching their remaining games on their schedule. Led by their Senior Maxx Nakwaasah who is averaging 26.2 points per game, the Gents are on a five game win streak.

The Gents took care of Sul Ross State, Howard Payne, Mississippi College, Louisiana College, and ETBU. These games were no easy task but the Gents rallied together and pulled off some great wins.

This past week the Gents played three record breaking games at the Gold Dome. On Thursday, January twelfth, the Gents took on the athletic Mississippi Choctaw and looked to continue their winning streak to three games. The last time the Gents won three games in a row was 2009-10 while the last time three home wins were accomplished in a row dates back to the 2007-08 season.

The stars of the game were Nakwaasah getting yet another double-double with 28 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. This was the ninth 20+ game of the season for him.

Jonathan Blount also helped the Gents edge out the Choctaws by adding 25 points to the scoreboard. Freshman Isaiah Whitaker put up eleven points and added a few assists. Overall the performance from the Gents was a team effort in holding back the Choctaw's run late in the fourth quarter. The final score was 87-

84 with the Gents taking the victory.

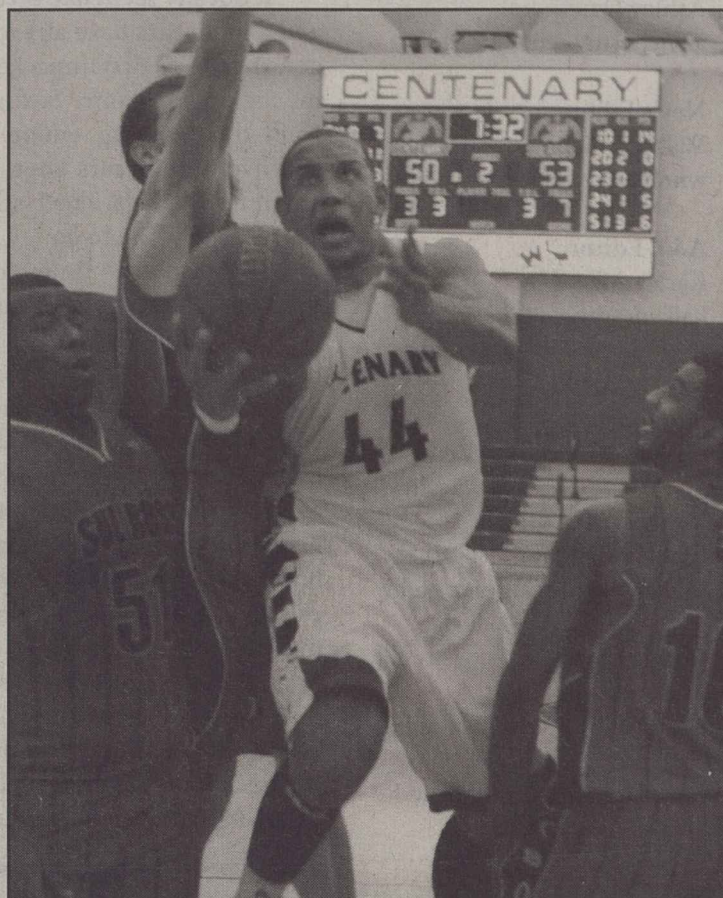
Saturday was another record setting day for the Gents, at the 19:28 mark in the second half, Nakwaasah was able to score a layup putting him in the record books. Nakwaasah is the 30th player in Centenary's long history to make it to 1,000 career points. However, Nakwaasah was not the only star of the show.

Blount scored 27 in this game to upset the Louisiana Wildcats in overtime. Also contributing to the win was Caden Cheramie making crucial free-throws in overtime to secure the win over the wildcats.

Some other notable players making a difference in hustling were two freshmen Daniel Allen and Jacolby Crawford making great defensive stops late in the game when senior Nakwaasah fouled out. The two transfers from Millsaps College, Jarius Browning and Brandon Center dished out three assists a piece to help with the victory. Tyler Wright was lights out from long distance shooting 50%. The Gents continued their streak on to four games and as Cheramie said in a post-game interview, "on to the next one."

The final home game for the week was against a power house in conference play, ETBU. The Tigers were coming off of a seven game win streak and beat the Gents by 30 points less than a month ago.

The Gents knew to beat the Tigers they would have to make a team effort. Both teams came out shoot-



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ing over 70% from the field and from beyond the arc. Crawford and Blount put up three three- pointers with ease during the game. Tyler Wright also knocked down a few threes when the game was getting close.

At halftime, the Gents only had a three point lead, but they came out firing in the second half. Saro Ntagha with his tenacious defense and Browning with his ability to spread out the ball were able to easily defeat the ETBU Tigers 95-78.

Nakwaasah put up ridiculous numbers making 7-8 from three point land, 18-24 from the field, and shot over 50% from the charity stripe. These numbers allowed him to break the single game scoring record in Centenary's long basketball history.

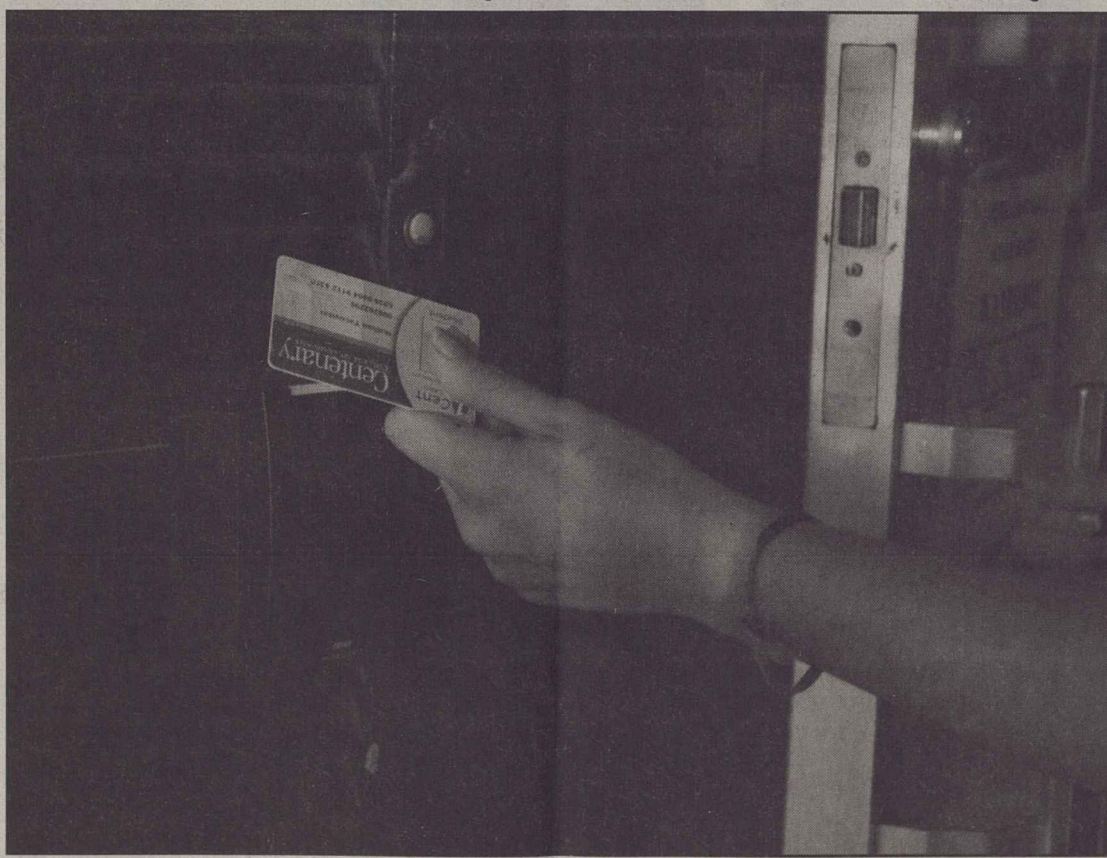
The record was held by

Robert Parish in 1972 against Lamar. Nakwaasah beat the record with a fade away jumper with 8 seconds left in regulation to score 51 points in the game.

"Today I was just feeling it...coming here as a freshman walking on, I would have never thought I would be mentioned in the same sentence as Robert Parish. In preseason, I set the goal for 1,000 points and 500 rebounds and everyday working hard in the weight room, that's what I wanted to do," said Nakwaasah.

The Gents are 6-1 at the Gold Dome and are rolling with their momentum with a five game win streak. Come back to the Dome on January 26 to watch another great game with your Gents hosting UT- Dallas.

Keycard System Finally a Reality



Steven Finley
Sports Editor

Not even a full year ago Centenary College of Louisiana decided to initiate the beginnings of a brand new keycard system on campus to take the place of the old lock and key method that the students of Centenary are familiar with. This was a system that has been talked about for several years and is finally seeing some results.

This new system will include keycard devices for all of the Residence Halls on campus as well as devices for

Mickle Hall, Magale Library, and Turner Arts Center. This was planned out and organized during the spring semester of last year and throughout the preceding fall semester. What is the status of this new system then? It should not be long now.

Many may have noticed that there are now tiny little black box devices at the entrances and exits of all the Residence Halls, except for Cline. Those little boxes are what will enable students to swipe their identification cards in front of, which will

in turn, open the door.

Some may have also noticed, however, that swiping your card in front of them still does not work. This is because they have not been fully set up yet. The only system that is fully functional is the one in Hardin, which just became active as of this past week.

The Key Program Assistant of the Department of Public Safety, Frank Waruszack, revealed that the rest of the Residence Halls will be up and running as well in the near future.

"Sexton Hall will come online three weeks from last Monday. Then two weeks after that will be James Hall. Then two weeks after that will be Rotary Hall. Then we're expecting Cline to be about two weeks after Rotary," said Waruszack.

There is a small glitch with the time frame for Cline coming online though. "We're not nailed down on that one because they actually have to replace the glass and metal doors on the north entrance" said Waruszack.

Soon after the Residence Halls are up and running, Mickle Hall, Magale Library, and Turner Arts Center will all follow shortly thereafter. By the end of this semester all the Residence Halls and the three selected buildings should be up and running with the new keycard system.

One thing to note is that key locks will not disappear from the buildings. Students will still need to use their inside keys to get into their rooms and the outside locks will remain in place in case of an emergency where the keycard system goes down. Beyond that, when the new system is fully up and running, no student will need their outside keys to enter the buildings anymore.

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Letter from the Editor: The beginning of the end.

Ashley Lynch
Editor in Chief

The final semester is upon me. Really, Centenary? Are we already at that point?

Apparently, we are. It doesn't seem like three and a half years have already gone by since I first unpacked my belongings into Sexton Hall--the building where I still live, three years later. If anything, it feels like I still have a long while to go.

This isn't a time for nostalgia, though. That time will come. This letter is meant instead as motivation.

For all of us seniors: we're almost there. That being said, it has become even more of a hassle to justify not hitting the snooze button, keeping track of my calendar, and reminding myself how important it is to attend class (don't worry, readers--I still attend class).

The "sleep" issue really has been hounding me lately, though--to the point where

I've resorted to installing an app on my Kindle alarm that makes me solve math problems before I can have access the snooze button. The issue with that? Sometimes it takes me a while to solve all of those math problems before the progressively increasing alarm tone gets my neighbors in on the action, too.

Nonetheless, this is a time to tie up those loose strings. What is on YOUR bucket list of goals to accomplish before you graduate? The clock is tickin'-- and that doesn't apply to seniors only! Even the underclassmen can get involved in the action.

I can think of a few goals that I've had in mind since those wee freshman years. They may or may not involve a fountain, a rock wall, a bell tower, and hidden room.

May or may not. The possibilities are endless.

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A national self defense program that empowers women to develop and enhance their options of self defense

Classes starting spring semester!

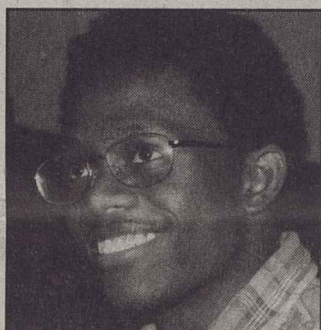
Held in the Whited Room

Classes are free and open to women in the Centenary community

Hosted by the Centenary College Police Department

Question of the Week

Who's going to be in the SUPER BOWL?



The Giants!
Christian Roberson,
Freshman



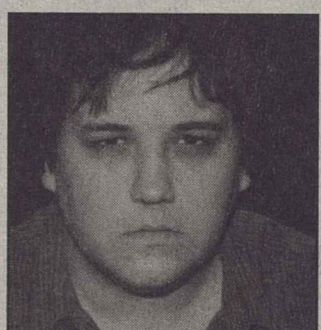
Who's going to the playoffs?
Dessie Clark, Junior



The Colts!
Elise Krews,
Sophomore



The Cowboys
Hadley Million, Junior



Julius Caesar and the Tenth Legion!
Joel Livsey,
Sophomore



It better be the Patriots.
Tara Watson, Sophomore

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MLK Service Day

Yay for helping out!



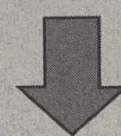
Basketball Winning!?

Way to go teams and congratulations to Maxx!



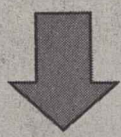
Caf doing well?

That's a first.



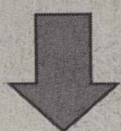
Senioritus already

Let the procrastination disappear.



Louisiana football

Should we say more?



Robbery

Dirty thieves...

Fitness Center Classes

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7:00 am	-	-	Yoga	-
7:15 am	-	Total Body	-	Total Body
11:15 am	-	ABS	-	ABS
Noon	Pilates	Yoga	Pilates	Yoga
4:35 pm	-	-	-	-
5:00 pm	-	-	Boot Camp	-
5:30 pm	-	Cycling	-	Turbo Kick
6:00 pm	Zumba-	Zumba-		

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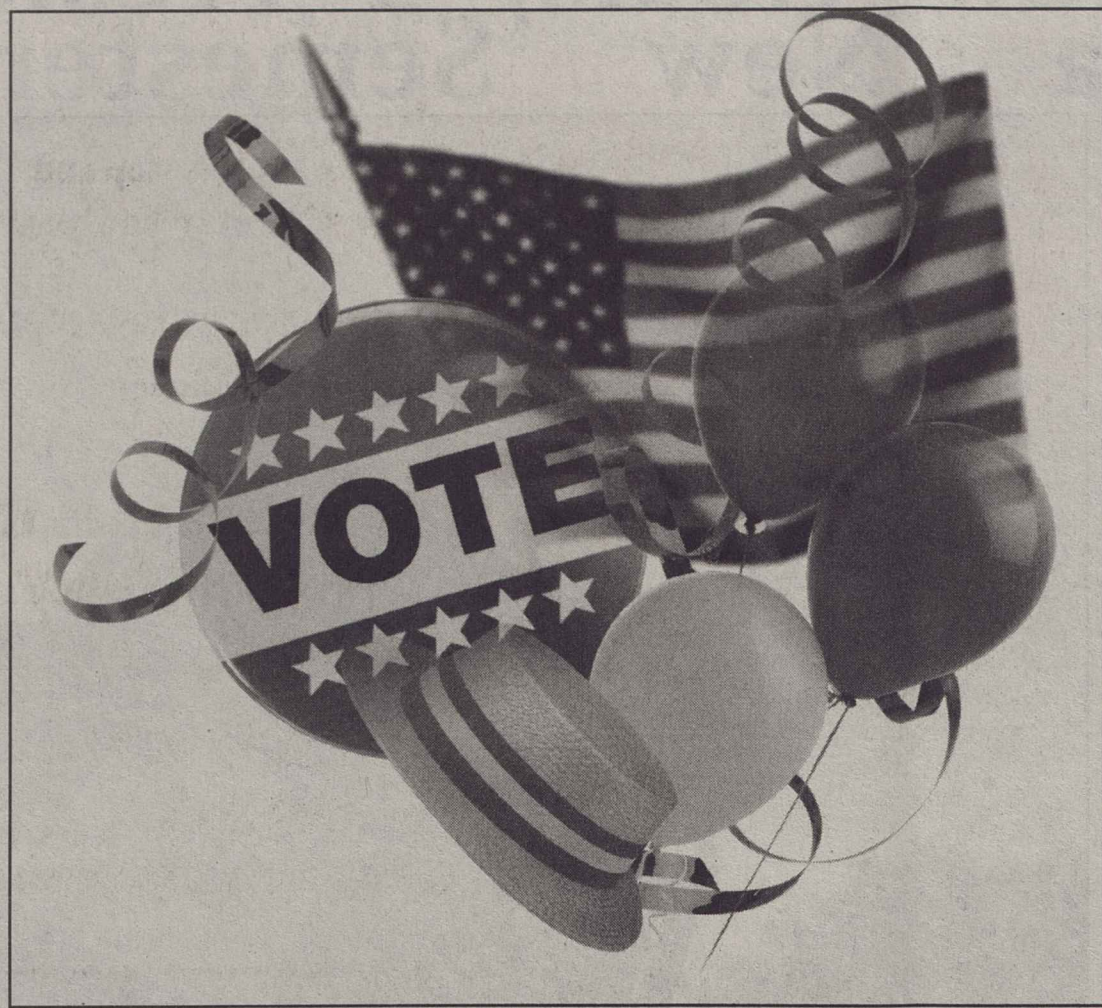
Mon-Thu: 6am - 10pm
Fri: 6am - 6pm
Sat: Noon - 6pm
Sun: 2pm - 6pm

Pool Hours

Mon-Fri: 11am - 2pm
Mon Night: 8pm - 10pm
Wed Night: 6pm - 10pm
Sat & Sun: 2pm - 6pm

NEWS

The Issues, The Debates, and The Ugly Truth



Andrea Violet
News Editor

Parties, no responsibilities, no worries, no cares, no parents to look over your shoulder: it's the classic media portrayal of college students.

The media portrays your early 20's as a carefree time

before graduation and the first step out into the real world. What they don't tell you is that reality, if you are not prepared, will essentially slap you in the face.

The real issues, which are not discussed among most young adults, include: taxes, health care, jobs, foreign relations, and many other im-

portant areas. Having been sheltered by parents up until college, most young adults do not understand why they should care about these issues, or care who is elected to positions in government to make decisions for us about these issues.

Think about a world in which we did not have our

parents voting: we could have two different scenarios. We could have mass chaos throughout the country, or we could have a specific group of people making the decisions for the rest of us, because we do not care and there are absolutely no consequences for bad decisions.

Wrong. There are consequences for bad decisions, and in our nation, a good majority of the population is complaining about the bad decisions of government. This is partially due to the fact that they are human just like the rest of us. The rest of the blame actually lies with the citizens themselves because they did not care enough to educate themselves on the issues and pick a representative that aligned with their views the closest.

Democracy is not a right, but a privilege. It requires effort on the part of the citizens to first decide where they even stand on the issues, then to select representatives who will make the decisions they will be most happy with.

Seeing as how democracy is a privilege, complaining about the system is unacceptable, especially when you do not contribute to it by educating yourself and vot-

ing. If you do all you can to elect an efficient representative, then you have the right to voice your complaints.

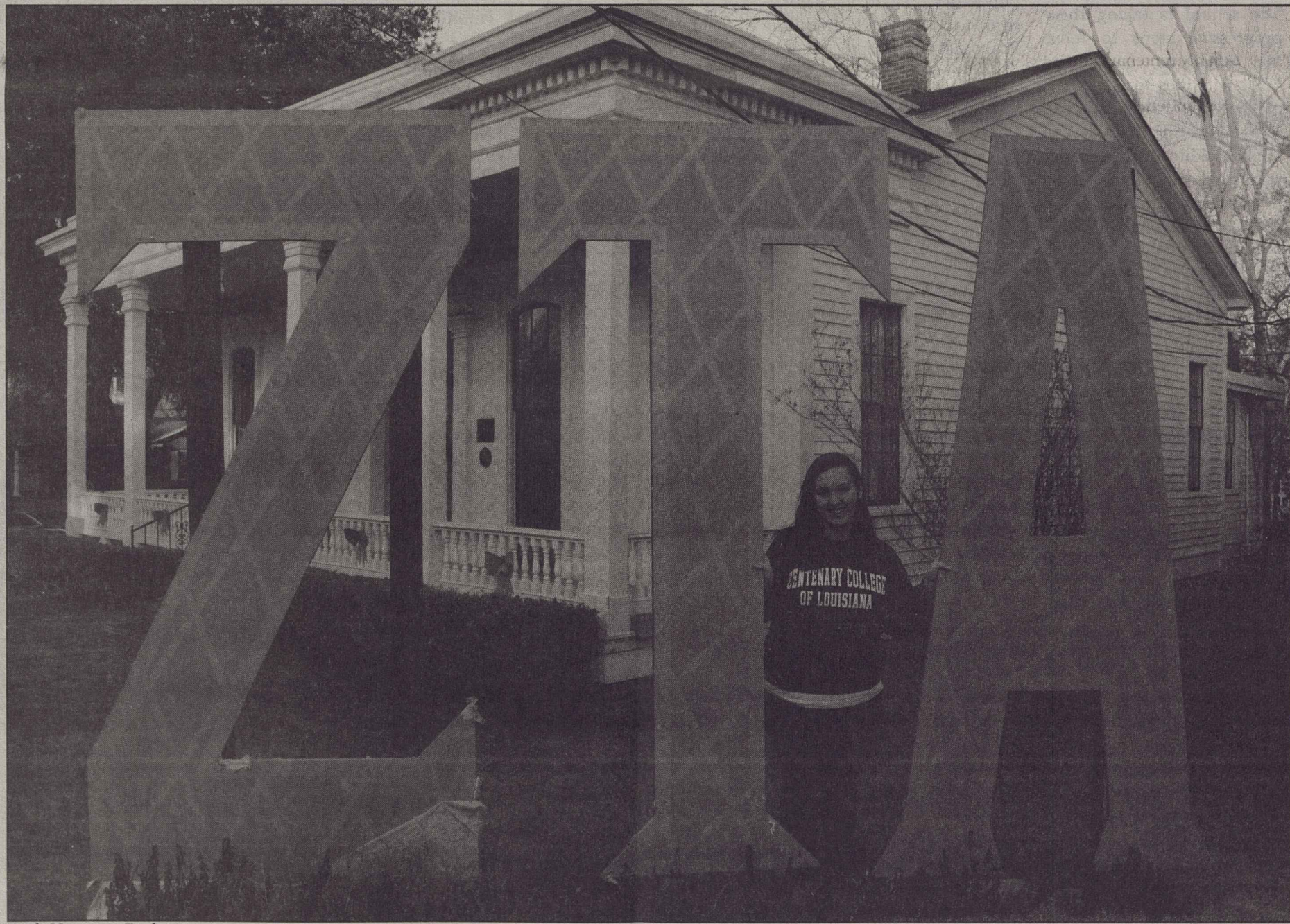
As a contributing member of society, you can start now to learn about these pressing issues. All it takes is a little reading, and every once in a while, trade your reality television for a news program. There are other avenues you can take as well, should you be interested in getting a little more active in politics.

On campus, we have two groups, the College Republicans and the College Democrats. Both of these groups are here for students to be able to voice their opinions, discuss and share these opinions with others, and find ways to help out in the political community.

If you are interested in either of these two groups, you can contact the representative and get involved today!

The contact for the College Republicans is Andrea Violet, and her email is aviolet@my.centenary.edu. The contact for the College Democrats is Jesse Gilmore, and his email is jgilmore@my.centenary.edu.

ZTA Holds Fundraiser for a Sister



Emily Harmeyer, Freshman

Courtesy of Julia Puac

Julia Puac
Web Editor

Over the Christmas holidays members of Zeta Tau Alpha (ZTA) began to raise money to help out the family of their sorority sister, freshman Chelsea Petska. Several months ago, her younger brother, Tanner, a senior in high school suffered from a severe car accident.

The accident led to some facial treatments and other medical treatments that Tanner is beginning to recover

from. He has recently been let out of the hospital.

Petska's volleyball teammate, roommate, and sorority sister Brooke Bahlinger, also a freshman, was the one who originally brought up the idea to the Ladies of ZTA to help out Petska's family. Along with Emilie Harmeyer and several others, the sisters developed their current fundraiser, The Tanner Petska Fund.

The fundraiser was announced before Centenary students were finished with

their Christmas break, and began as a Facebook group. This page contains details on how students are able to donate to this fundraiser.

"Her family has been going through a lot, and having to deal with a lot of unexpected medical bills. The ZTA project is to help out our friend and sister raise money to help out with the expenses. Our goal is \$1500," explained Harmeyer.

Harmeyer elaborated, "We are hoping that with at least a two dollars from ev-

ery student we could reach our goal. We are making it our personal goal that ZTA each gives five dollars, sort of setting a higher standard for ourselves."

Harmeyer serves as the Service Chair for the Programming Council of ZTA so all donations are placed through her first. Justine Kemp, first Vice President also plays a major role in this fund.

"We don't just want to help them with their medical bills, we also want to help

them emotionally by giving them cards, or something personal if the students are unable to give money at this time," says Harmeyer.

For more information on how to help, check out the Facebook group "ZTA'S Sisters to Sisters: Giving Back to the Petska Family". Alternatively, you can email Emilie Harmeyer directly at eharmeyer@my.centenary.edu as well as Justine Kemp at jkemp@my.centenary.edu.

NEWS

New Year, New Goals, a Fresh Start for a New Semester

Andrea Violet
News Editor

Centenary has experienced a multitude of changes in the past year, including both actual physical changes to the school grounds, and administrative changes to things such as the curriculum and athletics.

The administrative changes that have occurred are more controversial than the physical changes to the campus, due to the fact that the reasoning behind the administrative changes is less obvious than that of the physical changes when viewing the situation from the outside.

Disgruntlement has come from both the students and staff, however, these feelings are partially displaced due to the fact that the individuals that had negative reactions to the changes are thinking short term rather than long term. Long-term thinking must be adopted now to prolong and extend the vision of the school to ascertain a game plan that will enable the mission of this institution to keep giving to future generations.

With the hits most private colleges have been taking, Centenary is no exception. The school is taking these progressive steps to focus the intentions, goals, and responsibilities for the good of the school and students as a whole. The Chronicle of Higher Education, a paper published daily for people in academia, published an article on Centenary College.

They quoted the college's President, Dr. David Rowe, "You've got to know, name, and claim your strengths, and accentuate those."

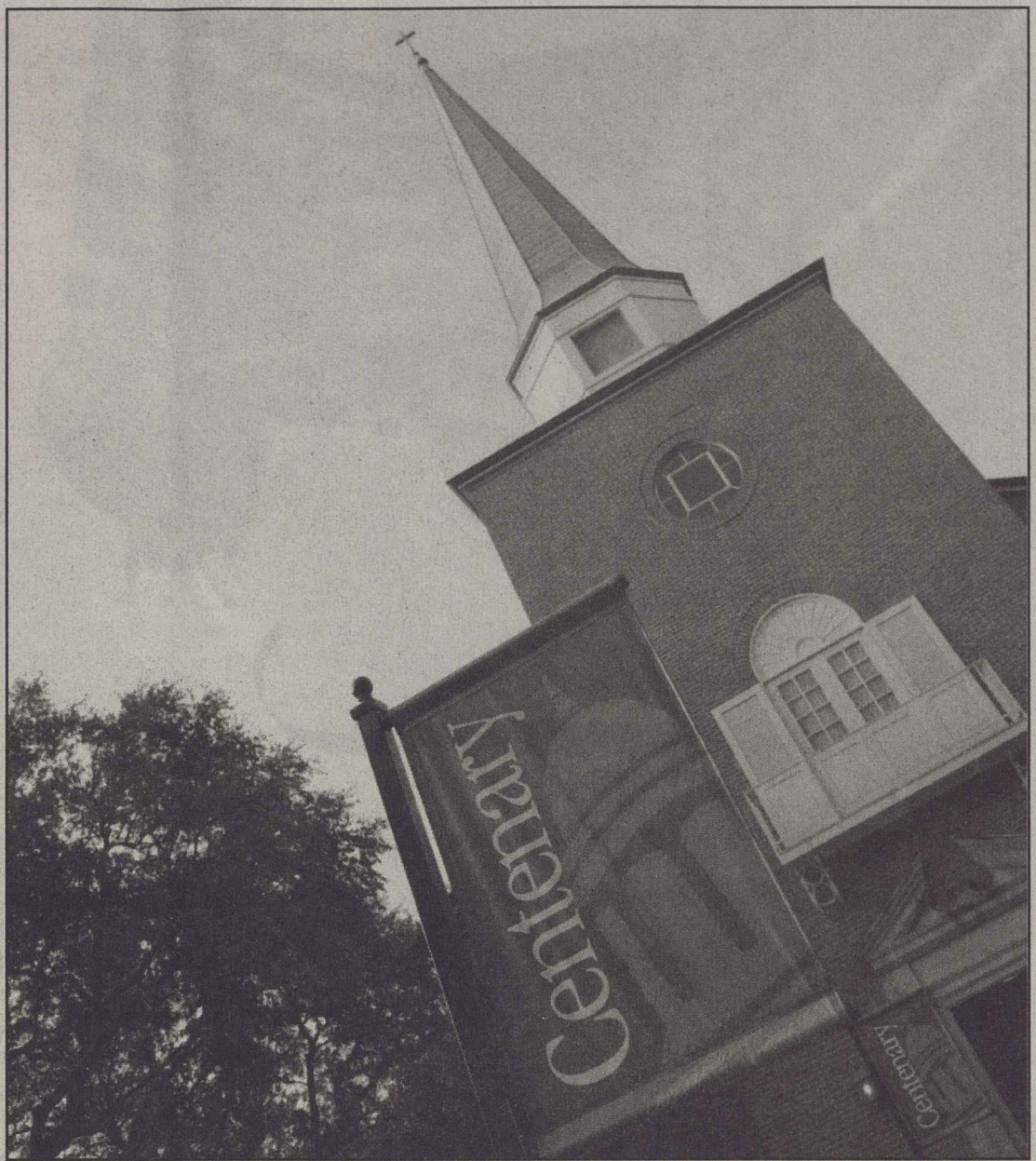
The administration of Centenary is responsible for prolonging the life and vision of the school, whereas the students are viewing the school's decisions as negative in the short-term. The issue at the heart of the matter is the pattern of thinking. Short-term thinking versus long-term thinking is what determines the feelings toward current situations that the school is in currently.

When determining where to cut the budget and streamline for maximized functionality, the school's Board of Trustees turned to Thomas C. Longin, a senior fellow at the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges and president-elect of the Society for College and University Planning.

One piece of advice given to the board from Longin was to "take a close look at what you should be shutting down, where you should excel, and try reinventing the institution around its mission," he says.

The ultimate decision of which majors to cut was not solely based off of the popularity of that major, explained Michael Hemphill, Provost at Centenary College.

"There are certain programs that the task-force members could look at and say, we value the presence of that program regardless of the cost. But they were also influenced by the viability of a lot of those programs



that didn't have many, if any, majors in them. There were real budgetary constraints that had to be taken into account."

There is much debate as to the validity of the decisions made.

One thing to keep in mind when judging the decisions of the administration is that information regarding all facets of the issue at hand are not necessarily available to the public. The future of

Centenary as an institution of higher learning has been molded as the administration sees fit, even if the student body and public do not agree with the decisions made.

According to Dr. Rowe, "a marker will be when we're as willing to let go of things that we value as we are to embrace new things."

Dr. Rowe goes on to say that when "faculty and staff members and students can articulate why the world

would be lacking if it weren't for Centenary College," then we will have officially made a decision to be a supportive part of the Centenary family, through times of trial, tribulation, and progress towards the future.

All quotations from this article extracted from the article published by the Chronicle of Higher Education, © 2011, "In Louisiana, A Small College Gives Itself A Makeover".

Organization Spotlight: National Organization for Women

Madeline Fechter
Viewpoints Editor

The National Organization for Women (NOW) is the largest group of feminist activists in the United States, and now this organization has come to Centenary's campus.

Majoring in Gender Studies, Centenary freshman Sara Whittington's constitution was approved by the Centenary Student Government Association (SGA) on January 9.

According to Whittington, NOW is a multi-issue, multi-strategy organization that takes a holistic approach to women's rights. The official priorities are winning economic equality and securing it with an amendment to

the U.S. Constitution that will guarantee equal rights for women; championing abortion rights, reproductive freedom and other women's health issues; opposing racism and fighting bigotry against lesbians and gays; and ending violence against women.

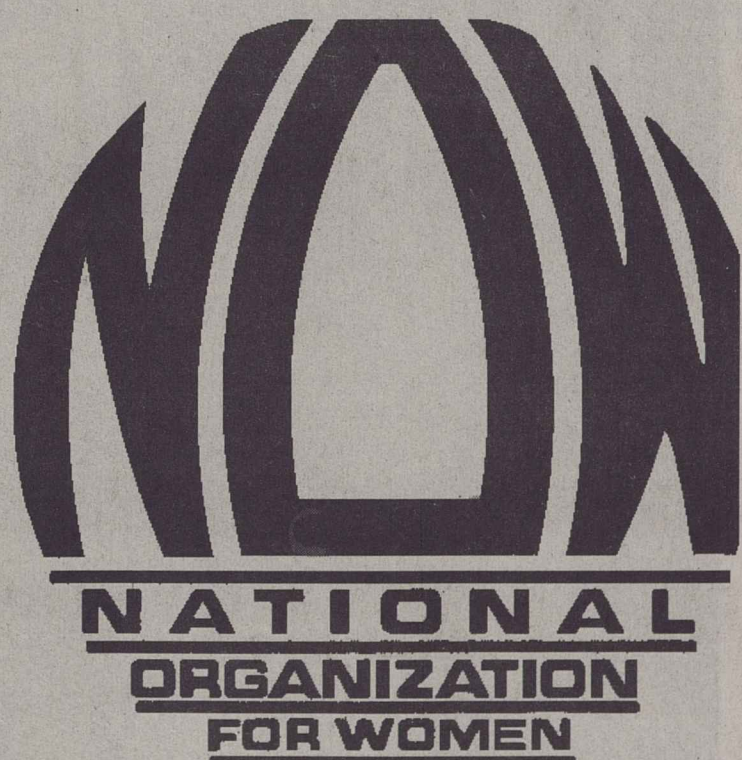
Executive Vice-President of the SGA Kendall Hughes said, "I am so excited to have the National Organization for Women on campus because they are going to bring a lot to our Centenary community."

In terms of membership, the Shreveport-Bossier City region is welcome to take part in NOW, however the aim of this organization is towards Centenary College of Louisiana current students.

Members must be open to discussion about all topics that may be sensitive of controversial. All opinions will be valued. Discussion is vital for change to occur. All current students of Centenary College regardless of gender, race, religion, age, and sexual orientation are welcome to join. This is not a 'women only' organization.

To check out some of the goals this new organization has set, attend their weekly meetings in the 2910 Building every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

For more information, contact the organizations president, Sara Whittington, at swhittington@my.centenary.edu.



Mexican Drug War

Over the past five years, nearly 48,000 people have been killed in suspected drug-related violence in Mexico, the country's federal attorney general announced this month.

Wikipedia Blackout

Wikipedia, one of the highest-traffic sites on the Internet, shut down for 24 hours on January 18th in protest of the SOPA/PIPA, which are anti-piracy bills before U.S. Congress.

Sudan Famine

People will face an emergency bordering on famine by March if international humanitarian organizations are not allowed into areas of Sudan that are mired in conflict.

Cruise Ship Sinks

Costa Cruises says preliminary indications suggest possible "significant human error" regarding the disaster that wrecked a luxury cruise liner and killed at least six passengers.

A&E

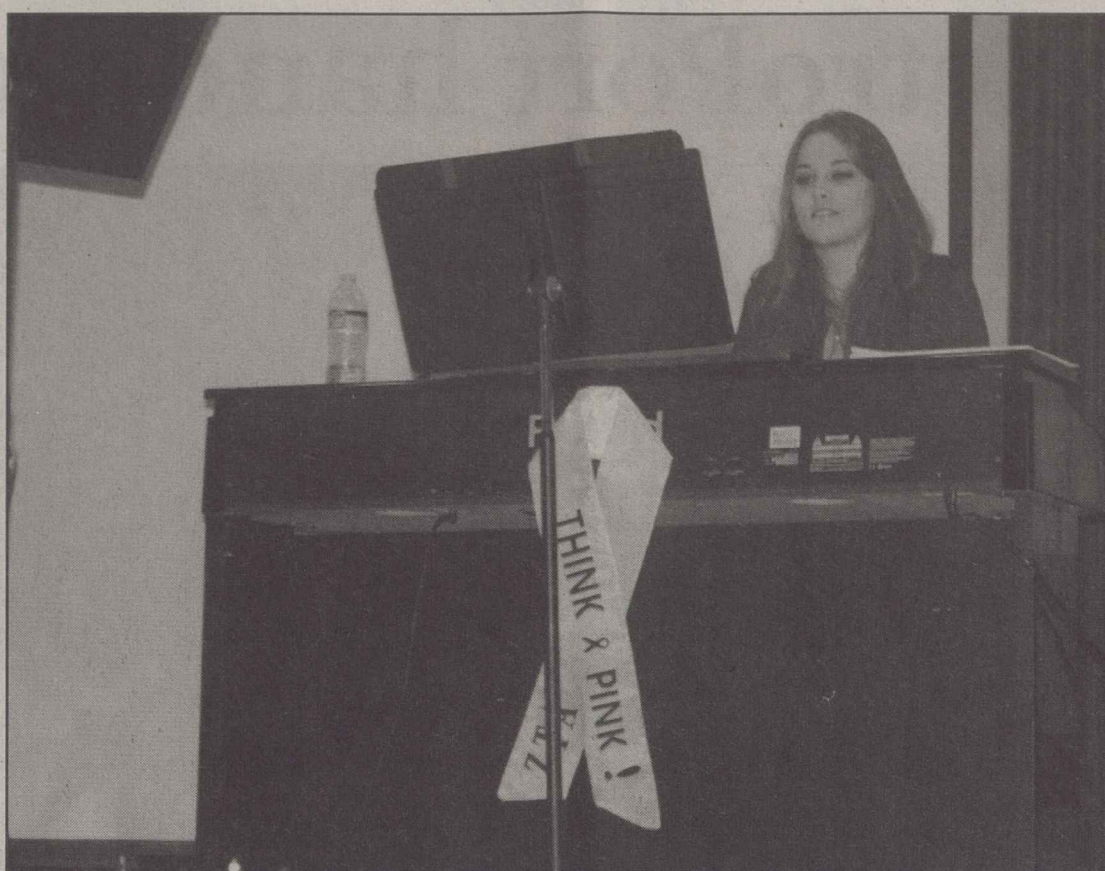
Cara Lamb Piano Competition Winner

Julia Puac
Website Manager

On January 14, 2012 the Monroe Symphony League, Monroe Symphony Orchestra, ULM School of Visual and Performing Arts, and the Louisiana Center for the Arts hosted a yearly contest. Marjorie Stricklin Emerging Artists Competition. The competition was held in Monroe, LA is a competition for emerging vocalist and instrumentalist to compete on the collegiate level.

Junior piano music performance major Cara Lamb was one of the many talented students to attend this competition. She competed in the Young Artist Piano Division. The competition picked three finalists overall and Cara ended up in one of three slots; the only pianist to make it that far in the competition.

When asked about the



Rachmaninoff 2nd Piano Concerto piece she competed with, this is what she had to say; "Well I competed with only the first movement but I started to just get a feel for

the concerto last spring but actually sat down and began to really work on it in the summer. The concerto is a really well-known popular piece and I just absolutely

love it."

Cara Lamb was accompanied by Hurley School of Music's piano instructor, and performer of the Shreveport Baroque

artist Dr. Gay Grosz. "Dr. Grosz played the orchestral accompanist part of it on the piano beside me and it was just absolutely fantastic," says Lamb.

Cara is the 2009 recipient of the Mary C. White Scholarship Award from the Hurley School of Music. She was awarded the Outstanding Music Freshman award in May of 2010, was a winner of the Hurley Symphony Orchestra Concerto & Aria competition her freshman year, and recently competed in the Music Teachers National Association young artists competition.

Cara Lamb is an outstanding student within the Centenary community and an extremely talented pianist. She is also a member of the National Music Honors Fraternity for females, Sigma Alpha Iota. She performed a sophomore recital that earned a standing ovation.

Spring Awakening Coming Soon to MLP



Erika Lunsford
Staff Writer

Spring Awakening is a controversial rock musical adapted from the original 1892 German work by Frank Wedekind. Steven Sater wrote the adapted play and libretto, with music written by Duncan Sheik.

Spring Awakening went on to win eight Tony Awards, including best musical, direction, book, score, and featured actor. It also won four Drama Desk Awards during its three-year run on

Broadway.

This edgy and exciting musical is about a group of teenagers in late-19th century Germany. The play follows these 11 teenagers as they deal with school, parents, professors, and society while stumbling across who they are in a "coming-of-age" manner.

These young men and women begin to discover the tumult of sexuality while each character struggles as they try to understand the limitations placed upon them

by society while fighting with their own personal issues.

The original play itself was so controversial that it was banned from Germany because of its portrayal of such issues as homosexuality, abortion, rape, child abuse, and suicide. The adaptation was produced for the first time on Broadway in December of 2006 before closing in January of 2009.

Obviously, this phenomenal musical carries with it hefty weight that promises to deliver a

breathtaking show to any audience.

It has been chosen as the main stage show for Marjorie Lyons Playhouse's spring semester lineup. Centenary, along with the surrounding community, will have the pleasure of seeing the show in mid-April. Also, guest director Alan Souza has come from New York, with much acting and directing credit to his name, in order to direct the show for MLP.

Spring Awakening: A New Musical will be coming

to Marjorie Lyons Playhouse on April 13, 14, 19, 20, and 21 at 8:00 p.m. and April 15 at 2:00 p.m. For more information or to reserve tickets, please call the MLP box office at (318)-869-5242 during normal business hours.

A&E

Tech News: RetroDuo portable and RetroPort hands-on



Nathan Yacovissi
Photographer

Classic videogames are making a comeback. Retro-bit has redone its RetroDuo game system, which plays original game cartridges from the first two Nintendo videogame consoles, the NES and the SNES.

The main function that has been changed is that RetroDuo is now a handheld portable. The "RetroDuo Portable," a handheld SNES

console was introduced at the Consumer Electronics Show earlier this month, and is hoping to improve over similar devices by adding NES compatibility.

Despite the compatibility being possible, it doesn't come as one might think. Unlike the original RetroDuo home console having a separate cartridge slot for the 8-bit and 16-bit classics, this one only has a SNES compatible pin-connector. The NES games become possible when

the RetroPort adapter, which lets any compatible console boot its predecessor's cartridges.

Even though this adapter is meant to set the RetroDuo apart from competition, there is no reason why this same adapter can't be used on other portable SNES devices. This adapter can easily lead fans down memory lane, and allows old classics to be portable just like the latest games.

The RetroDuo has a cou-

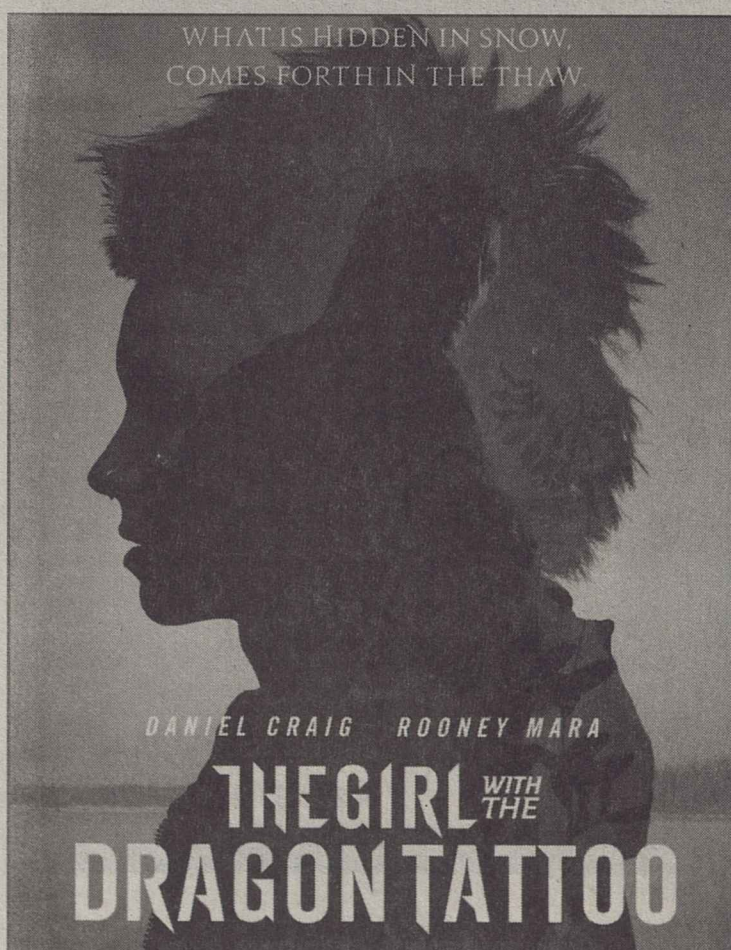
ple of shortcomings, though. Reported from an article on Engadget.com, the RetroDuo plays SNES games well enough, but the adapter-powered NES compatibility did show intermittent scanlines.

Also, the combined length of the adapter and an NES cartridge make the device slightly unwieldy, and even though lightweight devices are preferred in today's world, this device reportedly feels cheap. Finally, the

3.5-inch screen can appear washed out and overblown when viewed head-on.

After hearing these faults, it still seems agreeable that the RetroDuo is a lot easier to own instead of building your own hybrid Nintendo funbox. The RetroDuo is priced at \$90. The classics will always have a place in peoples' hearts, so this just makes it easier and more convenient to carry around.

Movie Review: The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo



Andrea Violet
News Editor

Characters with a multitude of different personalities and action-packed scenes awaited viewers as they sat down to watch an adaptation of Stieg Larsson's popular "Millenium" trilogy. The raw content of the movie had audience members entranced as they followed

the mystery, with the storyline surrounding them as they watched the scenes before them unfold.

During the aftermath of a lost libel case, with his professional career at a standstill due to negative publicity, Mikael Blomkvist is contacted by Henrik Vanger to author his biography. Little known to Blomkvist however, is Vanger's true motive of bringing him out to the family island estate: to solve

a family member's murder.

Enter Lisbeth Salander, world class computer hacker, exceedingly brilliant, and socially awkward. What began as a simple murder investigation turned into a hunt for a serial rapist and killer. The thrill only picked up from there as Blomkvist and Salander commiserated to not only catch a cold blooded killer, but also to protect their own lives in the process.

Rooney Mara's portrayal of Lisbeth Salander is bloody brilliant. She channeled the emotionally damaged and guarded part of Salander's personality while still maintaining her intelligence, strength, and independence. This delicate balance is what makes Lisbeth Salander such an iconic character, and Mara did a brilliant job of truly portraying all sides of Salander's character to the fullest extent possible.

The character of Mikael Blomkvist was played well by Daniel Craig, however, this character had nowhere near the amount of personality (or lack thereof) that had to be portrayed such as Lisbeth Salander. For the seemingly limited character role, Craig did well in his portrayal.

Ratings given by Rolling Stone and viewers leveled out at about 2.5 out of 4 stars. It was deemed by the Los Angeles Times as

being "too frigid." Much controversy has arisen over the "Americanized" version of this film, seeing as how the foreign film was released first, back in 2009.

The movie itself was truly just as graphic as Stieg Larsson's written work. It is alarmingly real and blazingly

honest. It had me on the edge of my seat, and sometimes covering my eyes at the sheer brutality displayed onscreen.

As a movie based off pure thrill and intellectual stimulation, this is a must see. Just be prepared for some brutality along the way.



In theaters this weekend:
Underworld Awakening: An IMAX 3D Experience
Haywire
Red Tails
Underworld Awakening 3D
Beauty and the Beast 3D
Contraband
Joyful Noise
The Devil Inside
Extremely Loud and Extremely Close
War Horse
We Bought a Zoo
Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows

Now Playing and Coming Soon at The Robinson Film Center:

Carnage
The Artist
Sleeping Beauty

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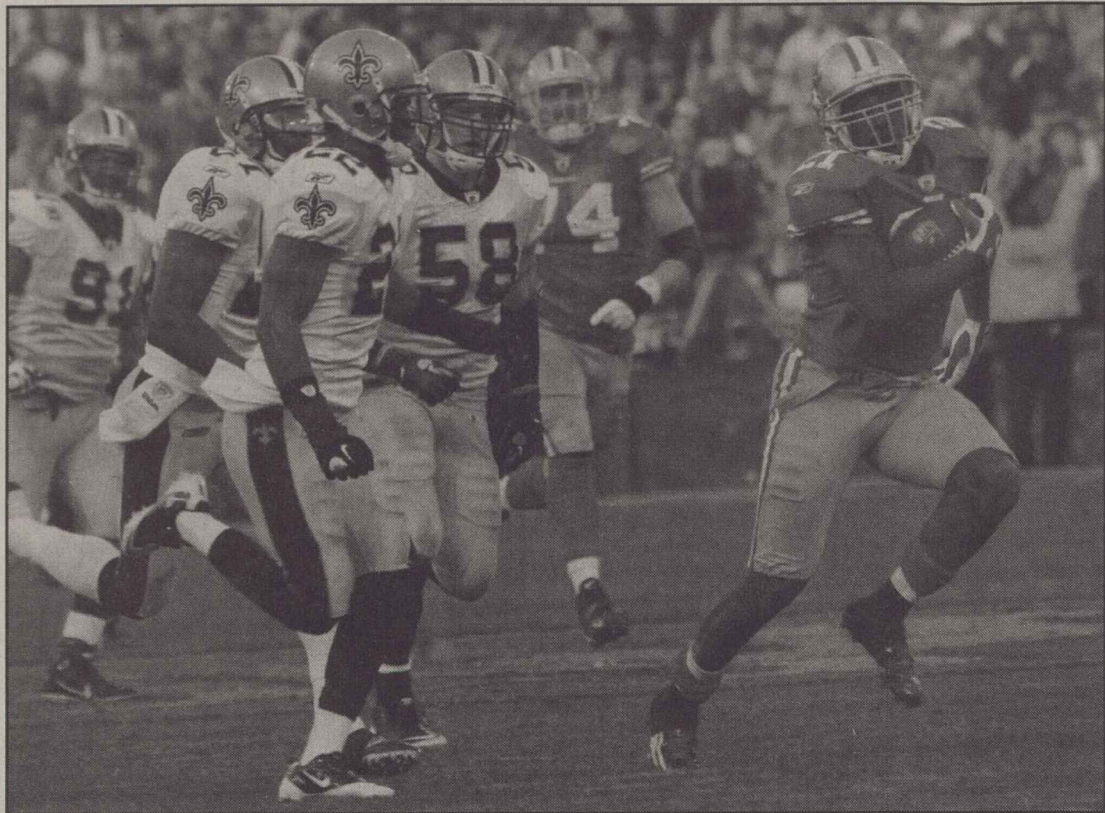
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SPORTS

Second Round of the Playoffs Feature Interesting Matchups and Results



Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

The first round of the playoffs concluded with almost every home team winning their games. Most of the games were handled by all the victorious teams except one. Despite playing at home, the Denver Broncos barely made the playoffs by winning their division thanks to an Oakland Raiders loss during the last game of the season.

The Pittsburgh Steelers were highly favored going into Denver but would fall behind early. The Steelers came back at the end of the fourth quarter and forced overtime, but gave up a touchdown on the first play and watched the Broncos move on to face the New

England Patriots.

With week two set up, there were plenty of questions looming. Could the New York Giants continue their unpredictable season and knock the defending Super Bowl champs? Would the Saints be able to survive on the road against a strong defensive San Francisco 49ers team? Were the Broncos going to continue their Cinderella story and knock out the AFC #1 seed? Could third string Quarterback, Tyler Yates, continue the Houston Texans amazing season and win for the second time in a row in the playoffs in Baltimore where the Ravens had yet to lose a game?

Denver vs. New England

It was "Tebow time" once again this week, after

the Broncos defeated the Pittsburgh Steelers in a shocking overtime victory last week. Unfortunately for Tebow and the Broncos, the Patriots were not going to allow the possibility of that happening.

Patriots Quarterback, Tom Brady, broke a playoff record by throwing the most touchdown passes in a half with five. This was more than enough for the Pats, and the Broncos fell 45-10. The Patriots will host the winner of the Houston and Baltimore game.

Houston vs. Baltimore

The Houston Texans made the playoffs for the first time in franchise this year and continued their special season with their first playoff win in the first round over the Cincinnati Bengals.

The Baltimore Ravens were able to clinch home field advantage and a bye week for the first round with a win the last week of the regular season. Being undefeated at home in the regular season had to give the Ravens confidence and with their tough defense being among the best, the Ravens were favorites in this game.

Despite taking an early lead, the Ravens would need to rely on their defense in the fourth quarter to hold off a feisty Texans team. The Texans defense was up to the task and kept their team in the game by holding the Ravens offense. It was the Ravens that came out on top with a 20-13. Next week you can see the Ravens high profile defense verses the Patriots high profile offense in the AFC championship game.

Saints vs. 49ers

The Saints were probably one of the hottest teams entering the playoffs but their challenging task for the offense would not only be the 49ers strong defense; it would be winning on the road. The Saints were 5-3 away from the Dome this season and have never won a road playoff game. The 49ers had a successful season and clinched the #2 seed in the playoffs with a win the last week of the regular season.

Thanks to a couple turnovers, the Saints had to fight back after being down by two touchdowns early. The Saints took the lead with a little over a minute remaining and it seemed that

they would hold on. However, the 49ers were able to drive down the field and scored with little time remaining on the clock to send the Saints home.

This game was probably one of the best games in playoffs so far with either team having a chance to win. The 49ers just got the final play and were able to advance to the NFC championship.

Giants vs. Packers

The defending Super Bowl champions and #1 seed in the NFC, after being defeated just once this year, were taking on a hot Giants team that had won 3 in a row after being counted out of the playoffs thanks to some tough losses the previous weeks.

The game itself started out well with both offenses trading scores with each other on field goals and touchdowns. One of the momentous plays of the game however, was a Hail Mary thrown by the Giants at the end of the half to go up 20-10 on the touchdown.

The Packers competed but turnovers would prove costly. The Giants pulled the upset on the road with a 37-20. The Giants now will face off against the San Francisco 49ers in the NFC championship.

There are four teams remaining in the playoffs, and both games look to be great match-ups. It will be interesting to see which two advance and make it to Super Bowl 46.

Swimmers Snag Second in Rockwall

Kate Rivers
Staff Writer

Although their season was briefly interrupted by the Christmas holidays, Centenary's Swim Team has jumped back into competition with full force. Starting with this past weekend's Trinity Invite in Rockwall, the swim team has a schedule of three straight meets to compete in before the Conference Championships in February.

Although both the women's and men's teams took home second place honors this weekend, they have even higher hopes for the championship meet in Cleveland, Mississippi.

Out of seven different women's teams that competed in this invitational meet, the Ladies ended up earning second place with a score of 515. They finished

behind Henderson State and just ahead of UT-Permian Basin. On the women's side, nine individual swims earned top three honors along with three relay teams.

Earning first place in their events were Brittany Wilkens in the 200-yard breast and Chelsea Russell in the 200-yard backstroke. Placing second was Laura Huning in the 100-yard fly, Wilkens in the 100-yard breast, and Russell in the 200-yard freestyle.

Finishing behind Russell in the 200-yard free was Kayla Thornhill in third while Allison Jones took third in the 50-yard free. Also finishing in the top three for their events were Hayley Schneider in the 200-yard IM and Laura Huning in the 100-yard free.

Rounding out the largest number of points for the girl's team were the 200-

yard medley relay of Lauren Lassiter, Wilkens, Huning and Jones and Russell, and the 200-yard freestyle relay of Thornhill, Huning, Schneider, and Jones, both finishing in second.

On the Gents' side of the meet, eleven individual swims placed in the top three led by two first-place finishes by Devin Ross in the 50-yard free and the 100-yard fly.

Also with an equally big swim was Andrew Borel with a first place finish in the 100-yard back and two third place finishes in the 200-yard IM and the 200-yard back. Finishing behind Borel in the 100-yard back was Michael Schwandt in second.

Also taking second in their events were Peter Henry in the 100-yard fly and Matthew Pittman in the 1000-yard freestyle and 500-yard freestyle. Austin

Butler snagged second in the 200-yard free and Anthony LeBlanc placed third in the 100-yard free.

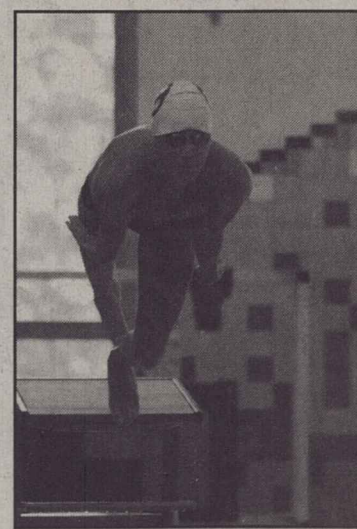
Finishing up the meet, the Gents earned two first-place relay finishes with the 200 medley team of Henry, Butler, Ross and Caleb McSorley and the 200-yard freestyle team of Butler, LeBlanc, McSorley, and Ross.

Although it was their first meet after a long break, the Ladies and Gents put up a stellar performance against some fairly good teams this past weekend. As they continue to train, their expectations for the Conference Championships will continue to rise.

Senior swimmer and captain Brittany Wilkens says that "this year's Conference will hopefully exceed our expectations, because for a lot of us, this is the last one. We've been working hard

all season and plan to give it everything we have left."

With a little over a month left to train before their last meet, the Ladies and Gents swim team will really have to step it up in order to make this season end with gusto. Come cheer them on in their next meet against Trinity University in Magnolia, Texas!



UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

January
21



Gymnastics
Jan. 21
TWU - Oklahoma,
Utah State
at Denton, Texas
7:00 p.m.



Basketball
Women's
Jan. 21
UT-Tyler
at Tyler, Texas
1:00 p.m.



Basketball
Men's
Jan. 21
UT-Tyler
at Tyler, Texas
3:00 p.m.



Basketball
Men's
Jan. 26
UT-Dallas
Gold Dome
7:30 p.m.
Swimming

January
26



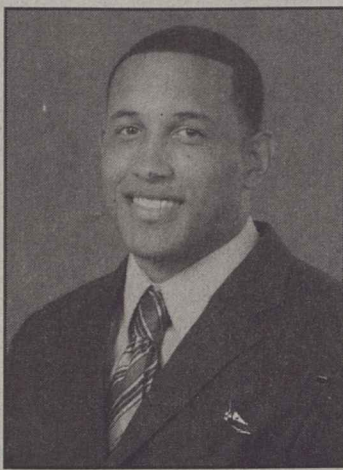
Basketball
Women's
Jan. 26
UT-Dallas
Gold Dome
5:30 p.m.



Men and Women's
Jan. 21
Trinity
at
Texas
5:00 p.m.
Magnolia,

SPORTS

Athlete of the Week: Maxx Nakwaasah



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Stefen Finley
Sports Editor

Maxx Nakwaasah
Sport: Basketball
Classification: Senior
Position: Forward
Hometown: Richardson, Tx
Major: Accounting
Favorite Color: Navy Blue
Favorite Sports Team: L.A. Lakers
Favorite Restaurant: Rafain Brazilian Steakhouse
Favorite Musical Artist: Kanye West
Favorite TV Show: Pardon the Interruption
Favorite Movie: White Man Can't Jump, Man on Fire, Coming to America, and Life
Hobbies: Spending time with my family, playing sports, and reading
What do you plan on doing after graduation: Work as an accountant and eventually obtain a CPA license
People you look up to: My Parents
When did you start playing

or getting involved in your sport and why: Age 4 because my older brother was playing and I wanted to be just like him

What goes through your head as you prepare for every game: What I can do to help my team win

What is your most memorable moment in your career: Scoring my 1,000th point in front of a big crowd and getting a standing ovation

What is your least favorite thing about your sport and what is your most favorite: Running suicides is my least favorite. Making three-pointers is my favorite.

If you could sum up your life in one song what would it be: "Hate Me Now"—Nas

What advice would you give younger athletes your sport: Master the fundamentals before you start trying to imitate professional athletes.

Name three things you own that describe you: Family pictures, calculator, and a basketball
What is your most over used word or phrase: "Y'all"
High School academic accomplishments, rewards or honors societies: National Honor Society and Peer Helpers

High School sports accomplishments, rewards, and placements: All District basketball Jr. and Sr. year DISD Coca-Cola All tournament team. McDonald's Invitational All Tournament Team.

Track: Running Forward



Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

The Track and Field Club of Centenary College is excited for the opportunity to compete in the spring semester.

Grayson Collins and Student Government are working diligently to take care of uniforms and registration for upcoming track meets. The excitement however is building because many student athletes have been training very hard over the past few months to show off their athletic ability.

The team is looking forward to having everything from strength to speed on

their team. A few notable athletes are Chas Reed, Miles McDonald, Robert Poole, John Reeks, Jonathan Martin, Tanner Sanders, and a few other student athletes from different athletic teams.

Miles McDonald just recently competed in the Houston Half-Marathon running a 1:22 race. That is a pace of 6:15 each mile. He will be a great asset to the distance crew for this season's team. Also competing in local races was Jonathan Martin finishing really well in a local dual-athon.

This year's team will be loaded with talent all across the board. The majority of the team members have been training and trying to perfect

their form for their events. Robert Poole is projected to run a record setting 1500 meter race this year. Robert's speed and stamina should carry him to a race beneath 4:00 minutes.

The team will continue to train for the remainder of January and February and begin to compete the first weekend of March at the Mississippi College Invitational.

If you would like more information, or have questions in regards to the Track and Field Club at Centenary College, please feel free to email Chad Nelson at cnelson@my.centenary.edu.

Ladies Win Over Holidays



Christian Prince
Staff Writer

Over the holidays the Ladies basketball team was hard at work. With only a week off, the Ladies spent much of their time in hotel rooms, foreign gyms, and racking up the Centenary win count.

While suffering tough in and out of conference losses, the Ladies have managed to record five wins so far this season.

At the beginning of the break the Ladies took a blow from former Southland Conference champs,

McNeese St. In the middle of the break the Ladies also lost to another Southland contender, Lamar.

McNeese St. and Lamar wrapped up all of the non-conference games for the Ladies. From here on out the Ladies will only play conference games.

Much time was spent in West Texas, with the Ladies facing tough opponents- Mary-Hardin Baylor, Hardin Simmons, Concordia University, and McMurry. While the games were tight nail-biters, the Ladies were unable to pick up one of these road wins.

Yet, once the Ladies found their way back in to their home gym, the wins started rolling in. The Ladies have picked up significant wins over Sul Ross St., Schreiner, Texas Lutheran, and most recently East Texas Baptist University right here in the Gold Dome. There are more games yet to come at the Gold Dome, and the Ladies expect to capture W's while they are still hot.

The fifth win came against ETBU to give the Ladies their first and only road win of the season so far.

The Ladies have four more home games which will resume Thursday, January 26th against UT-Dallas.

The Ladies have five more away games in the season. They will travel to LeTourneau Thursday, January 19th in hopes of picking up another road win.

At home the Ladies have a record of 4-3 and a road record of 1-7. With their five wins the Ladies have broken many records thus far. They hope to continue playing hard and breaking more; changing the face of Centenary basketball. Of the nine games that are left, the Ladies have set a goal for themselves to win at least five of them to give them ten wins on the season. But as we all know the Ladies are more than capable of winning all nine.

Good Luck Ladies!! Keep up the great work!

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		Wednesday 7-9pm
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		Wednesday 7-9pm
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		Tuesday 10-11pm
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Breaking The Silence



January 25th
@ 7:00 PM
in Kilpatrick

I started saving a dollar here and a dollar there so I could escape with my children. I remember one day that I told him I hated him with every bone in my body. He hit me so hard I went flying at least 10 feet across the bed and onto the floor. I was so tired of him hitting me and controlling me as a person that I had had enough! The days went by and I would get hit because I didn't vacuum first then dust. The house was not clean enough or there was a fork in the sink I would get slapped again. He made excuses to hit me. So I bided my time till I could leave.



VIEWPOINTS

Concealed Weapons Controversy

Erika Lunsford
Staff Writer

Think about the following situation: You're walking down the street when a hooded stranger walks up to you, demanding your purse or wallet. What do you do?

If you have a concealed weapon and permit, then you have the means to protect yourself. If not, hopefully there is someone nearby who can help in such a sticky situation.

Potentially, 1 out of every 50 Americans could defend themselves and others in any dangerous situation. Some would find that knowledge comforting, but there are many who would argue for stricter gun-control laws that would not allow as many people to carry a concealed weapon.

It's no surprise that there has been controversy surrounding concealed weapon carry in the United States. But, take a look at the statistics—49 states have some kind of law/allowance for carrying a concealed weapon, with Illinois being the only state not having such provisions.

Today, over six million Americans legally carry a concealed weapon.

Demographically, the percentage of reported permit holders is predominantly male.

Also, permit holders must be 21 years of age or older, have no criminal record, must be willing to submit fingerprints, and undergo a background check.

And finally, the National Rifle Association's (NRA) 4

million members make the largest percentage of the permit-holding population.

Alaska, Arizona, Vermont, and Wyoming are the four states that are considered unrestrictive, meaning that residents can carry a weapon, concealed or openly, without having a permit; however, all states except Vermont will issue permits to residents.

Montana, Utah, South Carolina, and New Hampshire are currently discussing bills that would allow residents to either carry unrestricted or apply for a non-resident permit in another state in order to carry across state lines, which is considered Vermont-like carry.

Currently, 37 states (including Texas and Louisiana) are considered "shall-issue," meaning that permit holders are allowed to carry concealed weapons. Shall-issue states have regulations that vary from state to state on how a resident can receive a concealed weapon permit.

For Louisiana, only residents can apply for its concealed carry permit. There are few restrictions on the type of weapon that can be carried, which bar larger weapons such as rifles and shotguns with a single barrel longer than 16 inches. 33 states honor Louisiana permits, including Texas.

Texas will issue permits to residents and non-residents alike. There are two levels of its concealed handgun license: non-semi-automatic and semi-automatic. This means the type of permit issued depends upon the type of gun the holder carries, although semi-auto permits

allow the holder to carry any weapon they can conceal.

10 states are considered "may-issue," meaning that the state may issue a permit if certain criteria are met, and at the discretion of local or state authorities.

Finally, "no-issue" areas include Illinois and the District of Columbia, meaning that no private citizen is issued a permit or allowed to carry a weapon, whether concealed or openly.

Obviously, there are "opt-out" statutes and gun-free zones throughout the United States, including any government building (i.e., banks, police stations, post-offices, courthouses, etc.), schools and colleges, and places of business where signs posted prohibit any weapon on the premises.

With all of these things in mind, should there be stricter gun-control laws implemented, or should the government continue to side with gun-rights activists in making it easier for Americans to pack heat?

According to Opencarry.org, more than 1 million robberies, rapes, and murders are prevented each year by those who carry concealed weapons.

On the other hand, permit-holding citizens could potentially commit many crimes. According to a website entitled "Concealed Carry Killers," since May 2007, 130 civilians, 9 police officers, and 13 mass shootings have been committed by people with concealed weapon permits.

After polling a handful of people here at Centenary, 84% were in favor of fighting



for their right to carry a concealed weapon.

Cassie Cloutet, a senior here at Centenary, was quoted as saying "I should be able to carry a concealed weapon if I want. If a criminal is going to use a gun to kill or injure someone, that criminal probably obtained the gun illegally. So, if the criminal has a gun, why can't I legally carry one to protect myself?"

Centenary alumna Lauren Kloepfer argued, "I want the right to protect myself in any situation. I don't want to bring a knife to a gunfight. If the criminals are packing, so will I."

Statistically, there are more people in our surrounding area that are in favor of

their right to carry a gun and concealed-carry laws, but the national population is almost evenly split with 56% in favor and 44% against.

Let's return to the situation at the beginning of the article where you were being mugged. If you have a concealed-weapon permit, you can protect yourself and others from harm. If not, hopefully someone nearby can.

This doesn't mean you can't support stricter gun-control regulations. In fact, doing so might keep weapons out of the hands of dangerous criminals. But without the right to carry a concealed weapon, you might find yourself on the wrong end of a loaded gun.

Quick Fix: Cake Mix Cookies



Deon Wadsworth
Staff Writer

Did you lick the spoon after someone made a cake when you were younger? I did. Being allowed to eat some of the cake batter was

the main reason I helped in the kitchen. However, if you ate too much, it gave you a stomach ache because of the raw eggs in the batter.

Well, I've found a way you can have your cake (mix) and eat it too! Cake mix

cookies.

They taste just like cake mix, but they are cooked. And best of all, the recipe only calls for three ingredients. The recipe yields about two and a half dozen, so they would be a great "refresh-

ment" to take to a Dr. Steve Shelburne's class if your cell phone goes off.

What You Need:

1 box of cake mix
1 stick of butter (room temperature)
3 eggs

What you do:

1. Turn the oven to 350 degrees
2. Mix all the ingredients together in a bowl. Butter, eggs, and then cake mix.
3. Spoon out the batter on a pan
4. Cook for about 14 minutes

And there you go! You've got cookies that taste just like cake mix. You can use any type of mix. I've tried strawberry cake mix with white chocolate chips. They only lasted a week at my house. Bon appetit!

Quick Fix is a new column about easy recipes that are college-kid friendly. A range of food recipes will be covered (not just desserts!). All of them can be cooked in the dorm kitchens and require few ingredients and little cooking ability. There is a Brookshire's within walking distance (about two blocks from Turner Arts Center) where you can find all the ingredients that will be in these articles.

So, if you're out of Randle's Bucks and need a break from the caf, this is your answer. If you have any requests or suggestions for recipes email Deon Wadsworth at dwadsworth@my.centenary.edu.

VIEWPOINTS

Keep your eyes out for new artist Lana Del Rey

Madeline Fechter
Viewpoints Editor

So there's this spectacularly gorgeous singer-songwriter called Lana Del Rey. If you don't know who she is yet, you're surely about to whether you like her music or not.

Del Rey popped into our living room last Saturday night with her debut appearance on Saturday Night Live (SNL) and she has also scheduled an appearance on The Late Show with David Letterman, slated to air on February 2. She also booked an appearance on The Ellen DeGeneres Show, the date of which has yet to be announced. So, who is

this pouty female singer and where did she come from?

In June of 2011, Del Rey was signed with Stranger Records, to release her debut single "Video Games"; in October 2011, she was signed with Interscope Records. On October 24 2011, it was announced that Del Rey had won the Q award for "Next Big Thing."

Del Rey's song "Video Games" was featured for the first time in a prime spot on The CW's TV-series Ringer on September 28, 2011, during a pivotal scene, propelling Lana Del Rey into the mainstream.

The singer will release her debut album, "Born to Die," under the labels in January 2012. According to

Pitchfork Media, "Born to Die" is set to be released on January 27 in Ireland, January 30 in the UK, and on January 31 worldwide.

The second single and title track "Born to Die" was released on December 30, 2011. The music video received generally favorable reviews from critics. Del Rey made her American television debut on Saturday Night Live on January 14. The quality of the performance was highly criticized over Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and by members of the press. Moreover, there have been a lot of Internet fights about her.

According to Julie Peck of crushable.com, "feminists dislike the fact that she sings

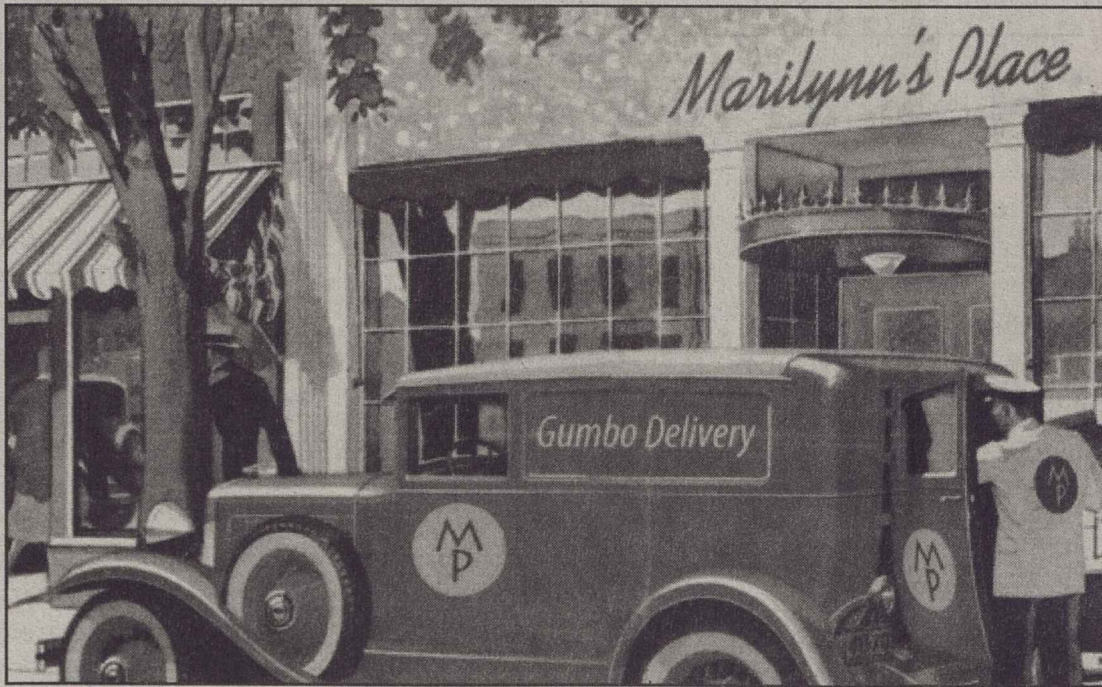
about waiting around for boys to notice her, turn into men, fulfill her fantasies, etc., saying she displays a stunning lack of agency. Others take her interest in fallen beauty queens as a subtle critique of our trashy, myopically nostalgic, hollow, celebrity-worshipping culture."

However, not a lot of these fights have a lot to do with her music. The funny thing about Lana Del Rey, as with many pop stars these days, is that people criticize her image which is rich and interesting and contains a lot to analyze and argue about. Critics cannot comment on her lovely deep singing voice; her managers have branded her as a "gangsta Nancy Sinatra."

She is a currently a high priority for her label. The fact that they shelled out for a high quality video for "Born to Die," featuring two tigers, and have been pushing aggressively to get her on TV mean they really want to make her a star.

Like it or not, this media approach is effective; Lana Del Rey became a viral sensation long before releasing a full-length album, and now she has a national audience. Her music will now reach millions of people who don't read music blogs but do like boring, repetitive songs, and they are going to buy her album on iTunes.

Marilynn's Place: Po' boys and Creole staples



Madeline Fechter
Viewpoints Editor

One of the hot dining spots in Shreveport-Bossier is Marilynn's Place, located at 4041 Fern Avenue in Shreveport. Occupying a converted Texaco station in the Broadmoor neighborhood, Marilynn's Place is known for its po-boys and other Cajun staples.

During my visit, I was welcomed by an atmosphere that was both refreshing and absolutely casual. I immediately noticed that this restaurant, especially with the drink specials, was a per-

fect place for lighthearted meal with a friend. This venue also has outdoor dining and free Wi-Fi.

Most of their menu items range from \$10-15. The prices are higher than fast food, but the taste is so worth it.

I tried the NOLA Roast Beef Po-Boy and a side order of coleslaw. The roast beef po-boy was tender and delicious, served up topped with au jus, making it a bit of a challenge to eat without getting pretty sloppy. But in the case of roast beef po-boys, sloppy can be a very good thing. However, their authentic french bread loaf is too thick for

my taste.

But strangely, the highlight of my experience at Marilynn's Place was a side dish. I have been talking about their coleslaw to anyone who'll listen. Unlike some coleslaws that are served practically drowned in cream sauce, their coleslaw is prepared in some kind of sweet vinaigrette with fresh-ground black pepper. It tasted healthy, which is not an adjective that I often use to describe coleslaw.

I'm told that they also offer a fantastic breakfast special – three beignets and a Community coffee for \$4.

Career Services Early Spring Events

Date/Time	Event
January 18th 10:00am–3:30pm	In the Career Services Center there will be an info session with the Dalton Group. During this session they will also be holding interviews for internship positions.
February 28th 6:00pm–8:00pm	In a location to be announced, there will be an Alumni-Student mixer for Business Majors. Juniors and Seniors will have the opportunity to meet and network with area alumni in the business world!
March 7th 7:00pm–8:30pm	In the Kilpatrick Auditorium, there will be a fashion show held in conjunction with the "College Lifestyles" website. The show will focus on "interview fashion." Come and learn about what not to wear!
March 12th Mickle 114	During the CA 253 Career Strategies class, there will be a panel of 4-5 alumni in various career fields present to speak to students. This Career Symposium will allow students to network, ask questions, and get ideas about what is available for them as Centenary graduates. This is open to all students on campus!
March 14th 5:30pm–8:00pm	To kick off this event, there will be a Mocktail Reception held in the Anderson Atrium at 5:30. Following mocktails, there will be an Etiquette Dinner held in the Whitford room at 6:30. RSVP is required so be watching for more information!
March 19th Mickle 114	During the CA253 Career Strategies class, there will be a CAREERlink/ LinkedIn information session. This is open to all students to come and learn more about how CAREERlink and LinkedIn can help them find jobs, internships, and connections!

If you have any questions about the events listed above, please don't hesitate to contact Lisa Rauschenbach via email at lrauschenbach@centenary.edu or at 869.5746.

Women's Retreat

Topic: Spirituality

January 27-29

Camp Bethany

Cost: \$30 and a snack to share

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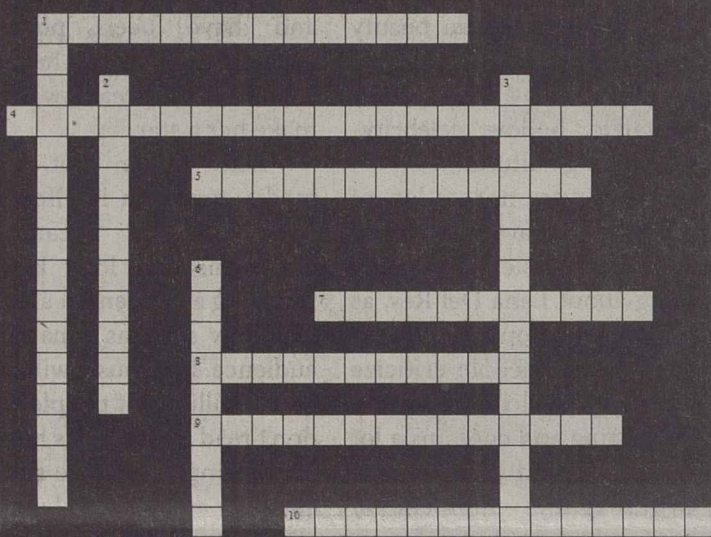
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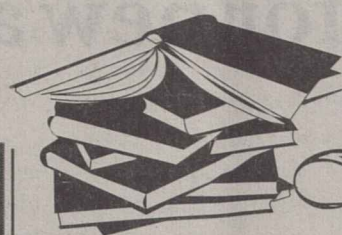
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6 Best Motion Picture, Comedy or Musical

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Literary

"Nothing True is Fair"

by Anonymous

Reflects the window
imitating her chair.
Worn and torn
through years of despair.

Sad and forlorn,
you do not care.
How many days
does it take
for you to fall?
Weather it be:

winter,
summer,
spring,
or fall.

Course and brown
gliding away,
beaten to the ground,
lonely branches sway.

Tears bleed from above.
Rivers flow
and waters shove
killing growth;

Drowning like Edna Pontellier.
Lesson's learned; nothing true is fair.

Want to contribute one of
your works to literary corner?

Email us at:
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Horoscopes

Daniel Proveaux

Aries- Little Miss Muffet may have sat on a tuffet, but you are an American and you sit on chairs.

Taurus- Owners of iPhones should be especially cautious this week. A homeless woman will seduce you and afterwards she will rob you of your riches. Your iPhone will be fine though.

Gemini- Watch out for certain animals. Animals who appear to be ravenous will not attack you, which is the only good thing about your lack of hygiene.

Cancer- Boredom will overwhelm you this week. But, like a butterfly emerging from its cocoon, you will find something to transform that boredom into an amazing adventure.

Leo- Like the Lion, you are on the prowl. That certain somebody you are watching from the bushes is not as oblivious as you would hope. They know you are creeping and plan to avoid you at all costs.

Virgo- Your professor is

becoming worried about you, but doesn't quite know how to address the situation. Wikipedia is an acceptable source that is available on the Internet for your research, but Urban Dictionary is not.

Libra- Trying to get those creative juices flowing? First thing to do is get those other juices flowing. Grab some oranges, apples, lemons, bananas, and/or watermelons and squeeze the life out of them until you have a delicious and hydrating tropical punch.

Scorpio- Congratulations, you have a twin. But celebrate to much, because there is always a catch to good news. The bad news is that you are the ugly twin. If you are really attractive person, your twin's beauty will be so jaw-dropping, nobody will remember you exist. This is also called "The Olson Twin Conundrum".

Sagittarius- This one is for the boys with the

boomin' systems. Why are you reading this horoscope? You obviously do not fall into the "boomin'" category. Don't feel discouraged though, because there is always a bright side.

Capricorn- News of a new addition to your family is not necessarily a bad thing. Your parents having something else to focus on other than how much of a disappointment you appear to be will be a nice break. This time will allow you to focus on your true passion: Dance.

Aquarius- Now is a good time to finish up old business. Grab a shovel and a hatchet. We are not suggesting a killing spree. Find that one person who you are having certain troubles with a literally bury the hatchet.

Pisces- Your mind is your greatest asset, but something they put in the cafeteria food is seriously dulling your usual sharp wit.



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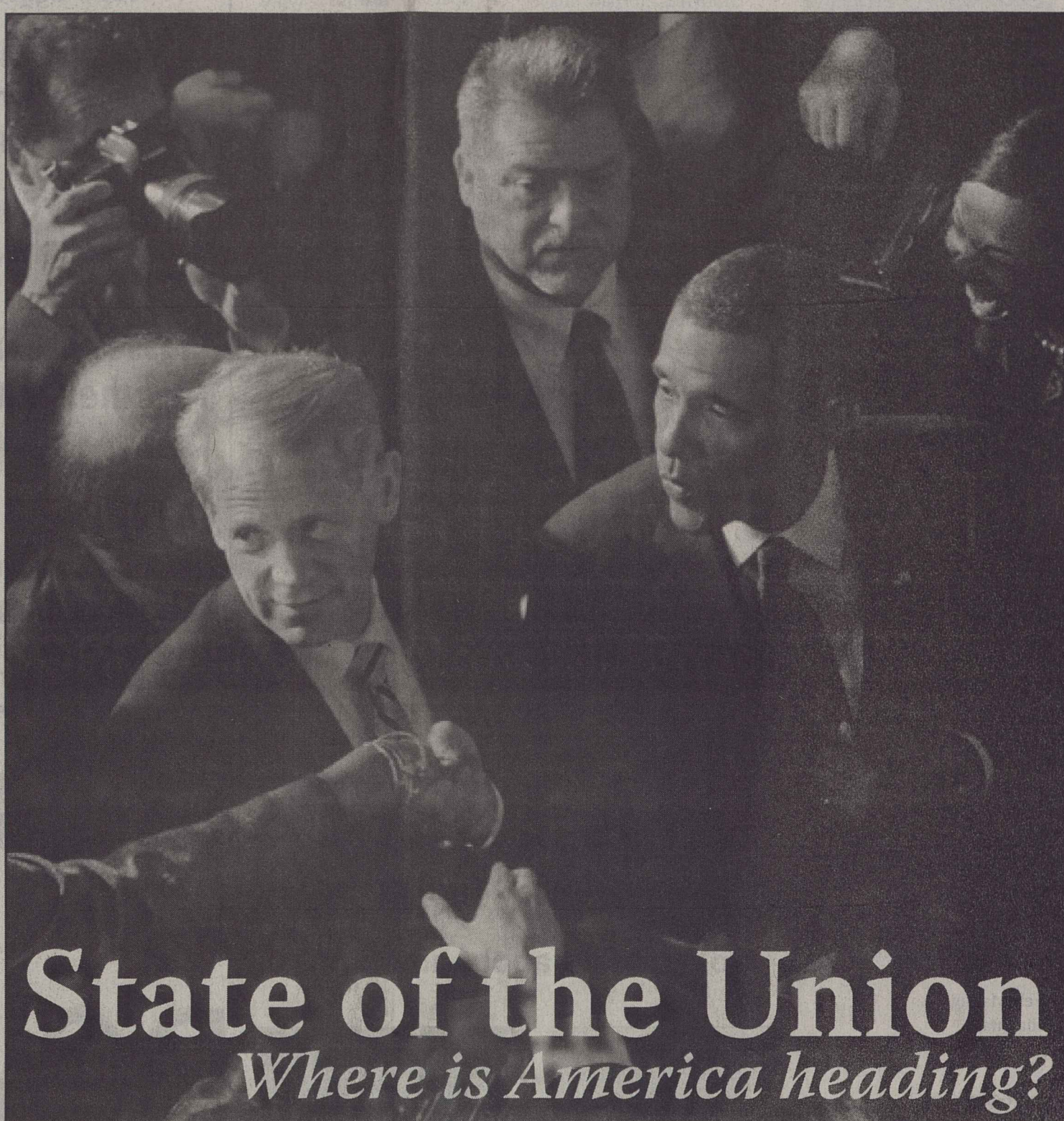
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Erika Lunsford
Staff Writer

The State of the Union address was given on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 8:00pm by President Obama to Congress and many other state and federal officials. This speech is given each year to let Americans know where the country has been in the last year and where it stands for the year to come.

So where does America stand? Compared to last year, our nation is definitely crawling back up the incline once more. But we aren't out of the woods yet, and with Congress approval ratings at the lowest they have ever been in history at 10%, the future seems daunting.

There is, however, some hope. The future America that the President described is an almost utopian society where there is a better economy, educational sys-

tem, technology, more jobs created, and we supply our own energy. But is all this possible with such a divided Congress?

After presenting what could be, the President moved on to reflect on what has been.

He began with looking back at our wars. The war in Iraq is finally over. For the first time since 2003, there are no American troops in Iraq, as they have all returned home. Obama also pointed out that a large number of soldiers in Afghanistan have also been retracted.

Moving on to the economy, Obama preached equality in the economy. He envisions a nation where "everyone does well, everyone does their share, and everyone plays by the same rules." This comment was received with roaring applause, and it drives home a pertinent point: America must move

towards equality in all that we do.

In 2008, when the economy crashed, costs and personal debt skyrocketed and paycheck amounts came crashing down. Unemployment was rampant, and middle-class America sank deeper and deeper into the abyss.

But we have begun to mend in some ways. More than 3 million jobs were created in the last six months, which hasn't happened since the early 90s. The national deficit was also cut by \$2 trillion, and the plan to double exports will be met ahead of schedule.

And there is even more that was proposed during the speech to help bring our country back to its greatness. For example, more specific tax codes should be implemented. Currently, there are tax incentives for outsourcing. Instead of rewarding those who outsource their

work to a foreign country, Obama suggested giving tax cuts to those who wish to make more jobs in America and bring factories back home.

Companies such as Ford are bringing manufacturing back to America, and as a result the auto industry is back on top. GM reclaimed its spot as the leading world automaker. And others like Chrysler, which is centered in Detroit, also helps stimulate the economy and create more jobs for Americans.

As far as education goes, Obama also proposed more training partnerships between corporations and community colleges so that students can be efficiently trained in a specific skills set so that they can immediately go from graduation to a guaranteed job.

Obama is also hopeful of even higher education standards. Instead of firing

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SOPA Delayed, Controversial Provision Removed

STOP SOPA
Protect Your Online Rights Right Now
STOP PIPA

Adam Stephens
Staff Writer

A major development in Congress regarding the controversial Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) was brought to light on Friday, January 13.

The author of the bill,

Representative Lamar Smith, announced that a key provision in the bill that would grant ISP-blocking power has been dropped. Furthermore, House Majority Leader Eric Cantor announced that he will not bring the bill to the floor until some consensus has

been reached.

SOPA has been raising concerns among the public since its introduction in 2011. The written intent of the bill is to grant the government and copyright holders the power to shut down and block sites that commit copyright infringement and

stream unauthorized media. However, many concerns have been raised about how this will impact the Internet as a whole.

"I think we'll stifle technological innovation in America... [and] have a lot of great content get pulled from the web unjustly," said Centenary professor Sara Hebert. "I also can't imagine we would continue to see the content producers using remix as a method of activism and entertainment."

"Piracy is a problem, but being able to police what people can or can't put on the Internet is not a good thing," said freshman Christian Roberson. "Right now, there aren't as many rules as to what you can put

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Letter from the Editor: Away we go!

Ashley Lynch
Editor in Chief

Studying abroad: have you considered it?

A summer spent in a foreign country--a semester? A year?

Would you do it?

It's a tough choice to make. There's family to consider. Friends. Financial stability. What you'll be leaving behind, in terms of commitments to organizations, classes, or jobs. What you're afraid to experience. What you're scared to miss.

Studying abroad is a big decision, but it's certainly a life-changing one for many students--whether through something as short as a two-week module, or as long as a year spent on foreign soil. There are some luxuries you'll gain, and surely some that you'll miss--even if it's something as simple as an American Dr. Pepper.

This week, we have a special feature about international studies: an interview with junior Holly Moore about her semester abroad in the city of Hong Kong--talk about a culture shock!

Holly shares with The Conglomerate some of the cultural differences that she encountered during her time as an American in Hong Kong. It's an experience that won't ever leave her--"a great adventure."

Of course, being abroad isn't limited to your time here at Centenary, but the college does provide an easy opportunity to take a shot at it, if you're financially able. Check with the Office of Intercultural Engagement for more information.

For an experience that will likely stick with you for a lifetime, would you do it? Could you?

R.A.D. rape aggression defense

A national self defense program that empowers women to develop and enhance their options of self defense

Classes starting spring semester!

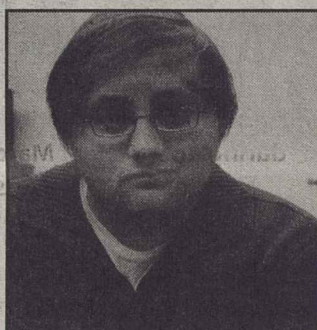
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Classes are free and open to women in the Centenary community

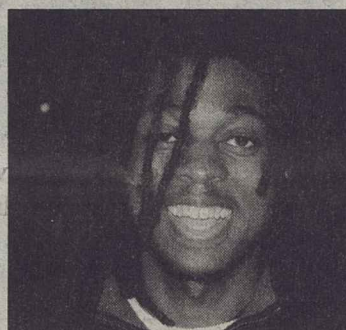
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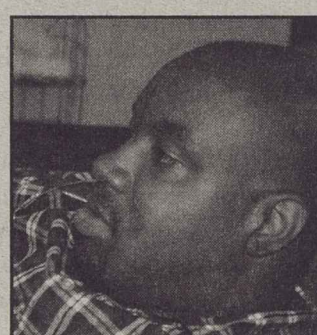
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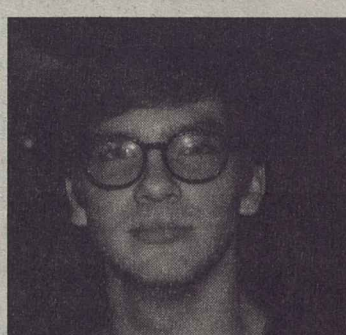
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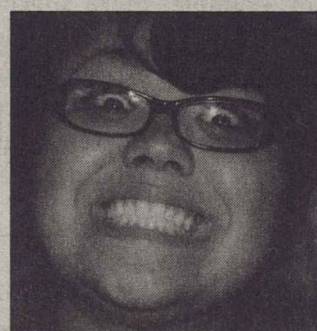
Exotic dancers
David Cash, Sophomore



One thing and only one thing ..
Donnovan Roe, Senior



Dayvyd BowE
Hunter Ward, Sophomore



Franny Jean Ray
Jessica Bato, Sophomore



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Julia Puac, Sophomore

UPs & DOWNS



Prospective students

You know what that means: good caf food!??!



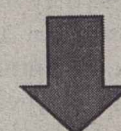
Students attending games

It feels good to watch when we're winning!



Sports teams winning

It's like we have tiger blood or something.



New email system

Thanks, thanks a lot.



Teachers want Twitter

Apparently they want Twitter for students. Ew.



Door Alarms

We can no longer take alarms seriously.

Fitness Center Classes

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7:00 am	-	-	Yoga	-
7:15 am	-	Total Body	-	Total Body
11:15 am	-	ABS	-	ABS
Noon	Pilates	Yoga	Pilates	Yoga
4:35 pm	-	-	-	-
5:00 pm	-	-	Boot Camp	-
5:30 pm	-	Cycling	-	Turbo Kick
6:00 pm	Zumba-	Zumba-		

Fall Hours

Mon-Thu: 6am - 10pm

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Sat: Noon - 6pm

Sun: 2pm - 6pm

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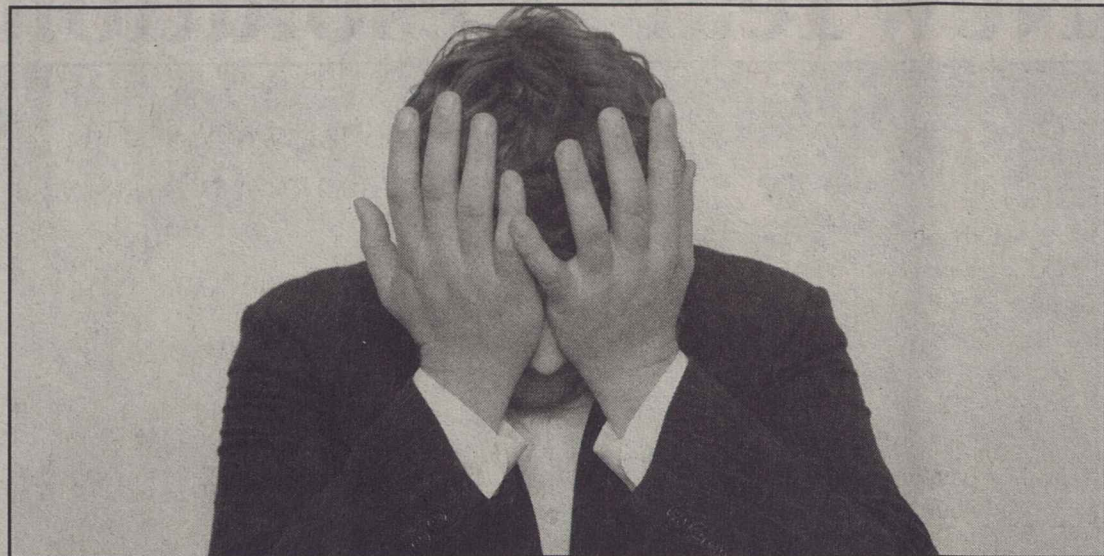
Mon Night: 8pm - 10pm

Wed Night: 6pm - 10pm

Sat & Sun: 2pm - 6pm

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Career Corner: Signs of Job Burnout and the 5 Ways to Fix It



Chaeli Faught
Staff Writer

In every relationship you have, there are going to be ups and downs.

In some cases it can be clear that the best solution is for the two of you to separate – meaning you will need to find a new job. In other cases, making a few changes to how you work can rekindle your passion for what you do, allowing you to keep your job and your sanity.

There are some telltale signs of being overwhelmed and you could benefit from making some changes. These signs include: when it's Monday at 10:00 a.m. and you can't wait for Friday. Your meeting status: unprepared and uninterested. You're more inspired to make an excuse than make a deadline, and you daydream about getting sick so you have an excuse to stay home. You avoid people because you're afraid of getting more work, people avoid you because they don't

want to hear about your workload, and you use the 50/50 rule: you spend 50% of your time trying to figure out how to get out of 50% of your work.

If you identify with any of these symptoms, there's something you can do.

1. Get real: Acknowledge how you are feeling about your work life. The more you try to ignore how you really feel, the more anxiety and frustration you will feel about your situation. The sooner you identify how you feel, the sooner you can address it.

2. Get inspired: Focus on how to connect with someone else's ups and downs on their journey, and the challenges they had to overcome to reach their goals. Let their success motivate you to press towards your vision despite how you feel right now.

3. Take control: Become a guardian of your time and energy by mastering your schedule. Limit the number of meetings you have per day. Set up a system for manag-

ing e-mails and prioritizing requests. Make sure you get outside the office or get to connect with other people so you are not functioning in isolation every day.

4. Play a different role: Taking on a specific role within your team may have boxed you in and now you cannot get out. Whatever hat you normally wear – take it off. Changing how you engage with your colleagues can change how you feel about your work and your colleagues.

5. Make a plan: It can be really hard to stay motivated if you can't see a light at the end of the tunnel. Start putting together a plan for how you are going to escape or move into another role. It could mean going back to school, updating your résumé for a lateral move within your company, expanding your professional network – the point here is to move from being dominated by feelings of frustration to a place of action.

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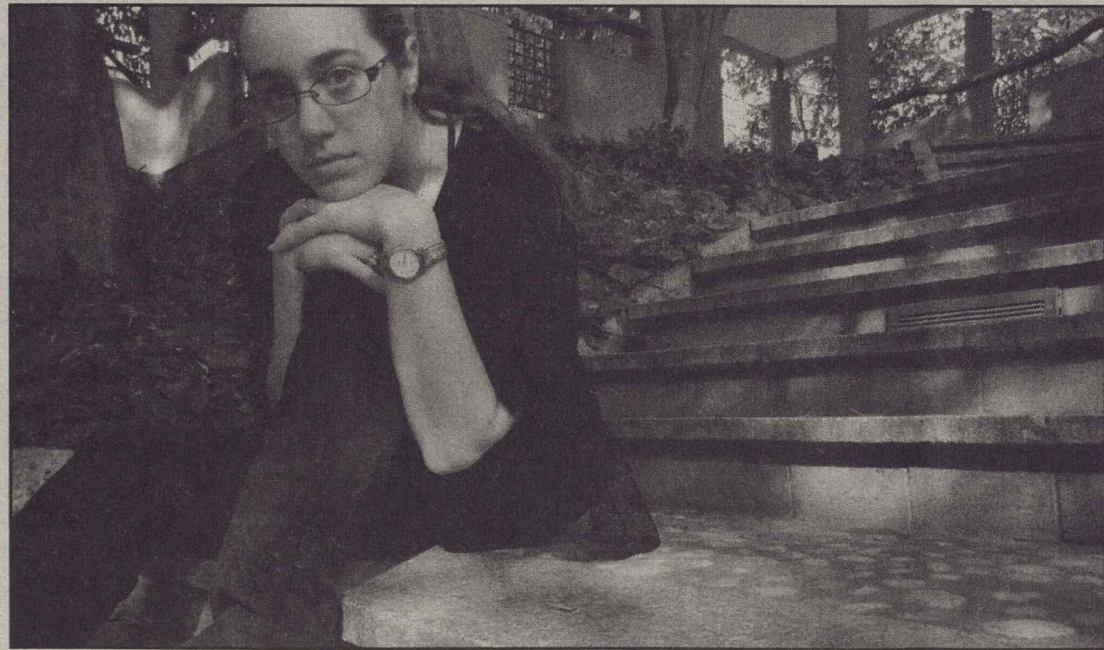
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International Spotlight: Holly Moore in Hong Kong



Holly Moore, Junior
Andrea Labor
Staff Writer

Apparently, the Dr. Pepper in Hong Kong is unfit to be called "Dr. Pepper." So states Holly Moore, who—after spending fall semester at Lingnan University—is more than qualified to attest.

Centenary College and Lingnan have been encouraging the semester-long international program for years. In fact, the whole reason Holly chose Hong Kong over Spain was thanks to her time spent with Hung Sheng, along with the idea of learning about a culture not typically covered in the standard

curriculum.

The classes she took included Chinese ink painting; Women, Art, and Society; 20th Century Chinese Art; and Philosophy of Art. While the professors would speak English, first they would teach in Cantonese before paying special time to the internationals like Holly. The language barrier itself proved to be an entertaining obstacle for Holly, given that the sum of her Cantonese can be summed up as "Zhou choi"—no vegetables.

Holly is, after all, fairly well-known for her aversion to exotic foods. Yet

the unique culture of Hong Kong, Cantonese-speaking and free to remain capitalist in spite of being reclaimed by China proper, was easily accessible both on-campus and off.

"You could leave campus at midnight and be perfectly safe," Holly explained. "There was always someone around." Open-air markets were only a five-minute walk away, with their street vendors and freshly-butchered meat hanging in the open air. "That was one thing that took some getting used to," Holly added with a wry smile, "the smell of meat just hanging there,

right over your head."

Transportation was just as easy. Buses and trains were easily accessible, and walking was always an option, even if the street signs were impossible for one versed solely in English and Spanish. Holly may have missed her stop on several occasions.

She had plenty of people to help her, though. Beyond her fellow students, Holly recalled fondly how helpful even the average passerby could be, especially if they spoke English. One of the fun parts of this was figuring out new ways to explain things, especially in the case of slang or more obscure English words.

This was combined with using information from one class to aid in another. Not merely in terms of factual information, but often enough the phrase one teacher needed would have already been explained in another class. The people in general, Holly reported, were open to new things and would not hesitate to give their own opinion on the matter at hand.

There were times, however, that it was Holly holding her tongue. She gives a word of warning regarding "Western" restaurants:

American portions do not mean "American portions." The idea of completely filling a plate was not always understood, apparently, but the idea of pointing this out would have embarrassed not only the restaurant, but those whom Holly was with.

Beyond that, though, there was the basic fact that Holly spent months away from home. Missing her friends and family was a given, as was adjusting to a sleep schedule on the opposite side of the planet. Apparently her dreams would include such things as trying to find a real Dr. Pepper.

Overall, though, Holly considered these minor setbacks. In particular, one day Holly was taken to hike in a park, going all the way to the top of what she described as a giant hill. "It was really cool to be able to... look down at the city, and you could see the cars like ants... so high up you were scared to fall."

Since then, Holly has returned to us for the spring semester, counting Hong Kong as one of her great adventures in broadening her horizons. And, yes, she has since gotten her hands on real Dr. Pepper.

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teachers because of cut costs, the budget should be redistributed to keep great teachers. Implement less teaching for "the test" and require students to remain in high school until they either graduate or turn 18 (which would be a state-by-state proposal).

Keeping costs down for students would help keep them geared towards higher education as well as prevent them from accruing too much debt. Work-study jobs should be doubled and school made more affordable. Obama pleaded with Congress to stop interest rates on college loans from doubling in July of this year. He also stated that if tuition kept going up, taxpayer dollars that fund colleges and universities should go down.

In regards to energy resources, research for energy options is much desired. It requires support and funding, because there are so many opportunities for American-made, renewable energy.

With funding for technology to research and tap into other energy sources, such as natural gas, there is the potential for American natural gas to power every home and business in our nation for at least 100 years. And we would no longer be dependent on unstable foreign countries for our energy source.

Renewable energy source production has actually doubled in the country, with options such as high-tech batteries taking the lead. Other sources, such as wind and solar power have come a long way in the past few years and are becoming more prominent.

Concerning the construction industry, improvements have been made, but there is still more room for better policies and incentives. Just recently, Obama declared an executive order that would cut the amount of red tape holding back so many construction projects to improve roadways and bridges.

And in the housing

market, Obama offered a program that would help responsible homeowners save several thousand dollars if they refinanced their home mortgages.

Next, Obama suggested penalties be imposed on federal agencies and corporations for taking advantage of the lower 90%. A movement has already been put into affect in which federal agencies must get rid of outdated and nonsensical rules. There would also be more penalties for fraud counts and insider trading.

Finally, the national deficit was addressed. It is no surprise that it needs to be lowered more than it already has been, and there are several ways it could be done. Obama proposed less tax cuts for the wealthy and the cessation of subsidies for millionaires, which would in turn strengthen Medicare and Social Security for the elderly.

It's clear the future of America is attainable, and so many ideas are already in play. We need to create "an America built to last," and many of the suggestions Obama made offer a clear solution to our problems.

But will the bills be written? Will Congress pass them? Obama pointed out that both parties should end the way they conduct business—by rejecting or ignoring the issues. "We must work together as a nation." Because together we can stand, and divided we have fallen.

And in his final words, Obama did promise one thing: "No bailouts, no handouts, and no cop outs." We need to work towards strengthening our nation and its people.

Yes, we have been on the incline. Yes, we are growing stronger. But a lot of changes need to be made if we are to continue our upward trend. And in the coming year, we can only hope for the best. In the coming year, we will finally see where America is headed.

Go Green! [House]: New Year's Resolution



Karley Aiken
A&E Editor

The campus ended the fall semester of 2011 with a brand new waste system set in place by the leaders of the Sustainability Living Learning Community.

Students, faculty, and employees witnessed a great improvement: new trash and mixed recyclables cans appeared in many of the buildings on campus, including residence halls and main building hallways. This was just one change of many on the list of sustainable practices that the GreenHouse wishes to set in motion.

Though it hasn't been too long since the break ended, the GreenHouse has already begun preparing for the changes of 2012—the GreenHouse New Year's resolutions, if you will.

For this semester, the

students of the GreenHouse are enrolled in a lab course, where they are working in groups to achieve specific goals in areas that were narrowed down and decided upon during the lecture part of the course last semester.

The areas that students are focusing on include Community Outreach. One group will be working with Coates Bluff, while another group will be focusing on tending to the community garden and starting up/monitoring Centenary's new composting system.

Another group is working on arranging a communal living for Centenary GreenHouse students, while other groups are targeting waste and water usage.

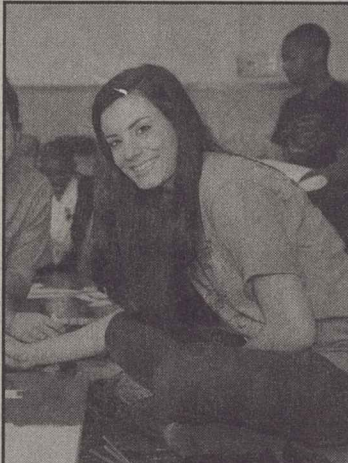
The Tribe, another spring semester project, is a student-led organization that will lay the foundation

for the GreenHouse as well as coordinate interaction between all of the students groups, including events and working with community partners.

The Sustainability Living Learning Community is also recruiting students this semester, so if you've been following along with the action and updates and you feel that it's your time to join—sign up! Applications of interest can be found on the Centenary website. If dealing with technology and the interwebs isn't really your thing, just ask any GreenHouse student for a form!

As always, you can visit the Facebook page to stay updated – Centenary GreenHouse, as well as contact a professor: jhamming@centenary.edu or tmessina@centenary.edu if you have any questions.

Dream Week 2012



Christopher Youngblood
Staff Writer

During the week of January 16, the Diversity Committee of Centenary College celebrated the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with their 4th annual "Dream Week."

As a community, we took part in many activities to honor a man who gave his life to serve others. Here are some of the things the community did this week to keep the dreams of Dr. King alive:

Monday, Jan. 16th, Day of Service:

Students, staff, faculty, and the people of the community woke up early to participate in the 4th Annual MLK Service Day. With over 150 people in attendance, all of the volunteers visited different sites around the Highland area to help clean up and make improvements.

"I felt really good about it," said junior student Atique Nowroze, "even if it was just sanding and painting furniture."

Tuesday, Jan. 17th, Plessy V. Ferguson Convocation:

The Centenary body was able to have not one, but two direct descendants of those involved in one of the Louisiana Supreme Court's landmark decisions, Plessy v. Ferguson, which decided that Jim Crow laws of that time were valid.

Keith M. Plessy and Phoebe Ferguson, both natives of New Orleans, had learned of their family history that tied them to this historical event. They took advantage of this common bond to come together and be inspired to develop the Plessy and Ferguson Foundation. Their goals are to find and inspire new ways to teach the history of Civil Rights and how it connects with today's world.

Wednesday, Jan. 18, Philosophy Discussion Group:

A group of students and faculty gathered at the campus' 2910 Building to discuss topics themed around Dr. King. These talks were led by Dr. Christopher Ciochetti and reflected on how past events can relate to today.

"The conversation revolved around issues of race, gender, assumptions, progress, struggles, identity, connection, integration, past, and future," said Director of Residence Life Montgomery Mewers.

According to Mewers, some of the discussion was

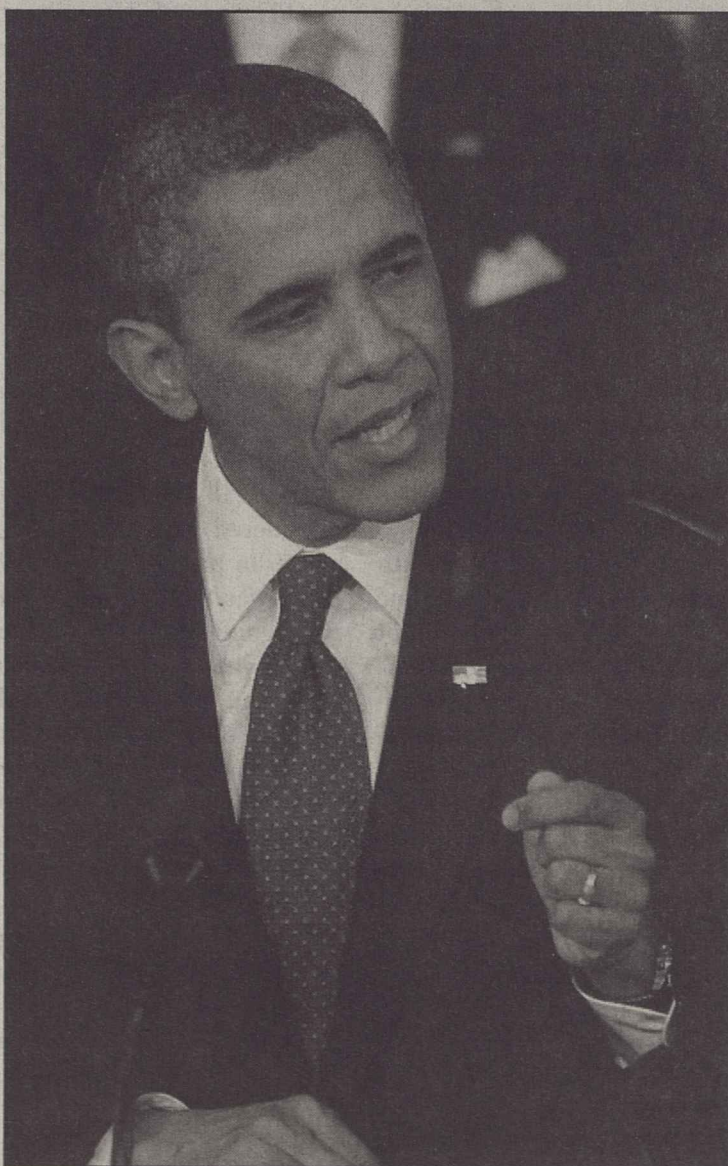
focused on more theoretical concepts, such as "why some students might self-select to spend time primarily with others of similar identity characteristics." But the group also discussed what Mewers described as improvements that "could make classrooms at Centenary even better environments than they already are in cultivating an atmosphere in which all students are comfortable to be and express themselves as folks who learn about, from, and with each other."

Thursday, Jan. 19, Nubian Cultural Center Performers:

The people of the Nubian Cultural Outreach Center gave an inspiring variety of performances at Marjorie Lyons Playhouse on Thursday, from interpretive dance to lessons about the history of drums. They also had local poets come and speak in honor of Dr. King.

"I was pleasantly surprised" said senior Corey Davis, "to find it a casual, educational variety of performances."

Dr. King was a man who gave everything he could in order to serve everyone, black or white. As a community, we will be his legacy for many years to come. While we have come a long way from the dark days of our past, we still have long days ahead to realize Dr. King's goal. Let us be the hope that keeps his dream alive.



NEWS

Political Left: In Support of Obama

Andrea Labor
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Opinion/Editorial

January has yet to end, but already the nation's eyes are drifting toward November—and the next presidential election.

Thus far, events have shown a scramble of occasionally farcical Republican candidates, underrepresented third party aspirants, and under-aided Democratic hopefuls not named Barack Obama.

With an approval rating currently sitting at 44% (January 9 Gallup poll), some argue that President Obama may turn out to be a one-term wonder. Of course, this ignores the fact that George W. Bush couldn't rise above the high forties for the 2004 election, and look where we are now.

When Obama took the Oath, there were a lot of expectations riding on his shoulders—and plenty of naysayers waiting to see him fail. Thus his first hundred days were scrutinized, re-scrutinized, and proofread for every last error as the media conveniently forgot that the man's inexperience in Washington would likely make the latter part of these four years the more impressive.

The preemptive awarding of a Nobel Peace Prize probably did not help his case. Neither did the fervor regarding race, or the simple fact that most Americans probably do not pay that much attention to any legislation not being touted on the evening news (during "Jersey Shore" commercial

breaks, of course).

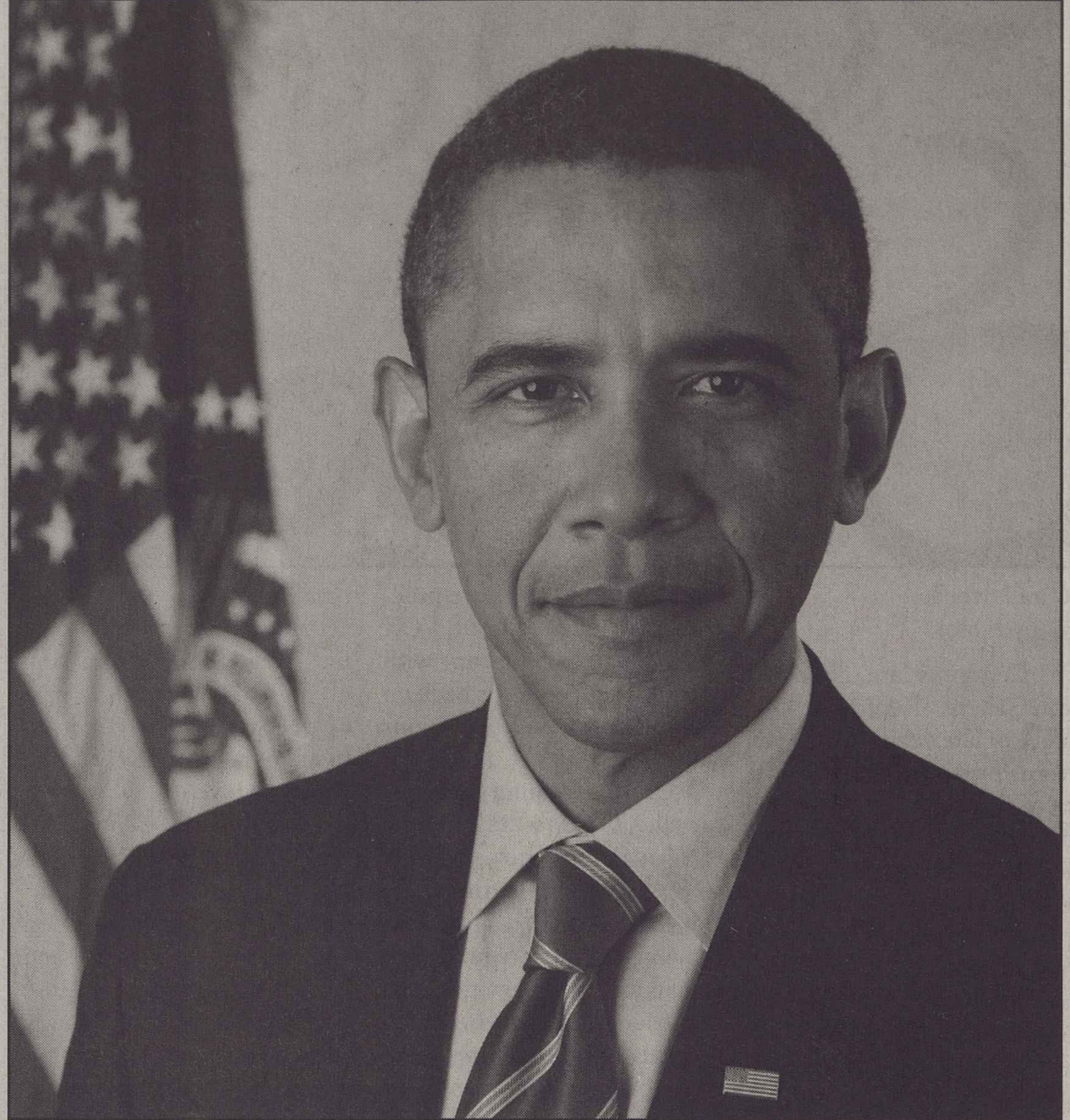
For instance, what did the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act do? It was a bill aimed at evening out workplace discrimination. The James Zadroga Act, meanwhile, moved to compensate 9/11 workers...by actually acknowledging that the conditions during those weeks seriously impacted their health.

This is during a time that "pollution" is not listed as a cause of death, so much as the diseases left in its wake. Speaking of 9/11, does Bin Laden even need to be mentioned anymore?

Meanwhile, the Food Safety Modernization Act is finally addressing—seriously addressing—food quality not just in America, but in commodities imported to America. Given previous food scares, the state of foreign-caught seafood (insects packaged with Chinese shrimp, for example), and the FDA's previous inability to act, is it any wonder that the Washington Post has labeled this gem the best legislation in the field since the 1980s?

That act was just passed this month. Hopefully the bureaucracy can be overhauled in time for the press, but it can be so easy to forget how long some things take. For instance, there is the idea that oil spills—no matter how catastrophic—can be cleaned up in about one year.

If the Republicans can try to initiate drilling for oil exactly one year after Deepwater Horizon, what else will they try to do with a Republican President to back them up? Fault Obama where you can, but at least the man knew when things were not



acceptable—barring another war, of course.

Believe it or not, however, even the staunchest of Democrats do not have to vote for Obama. Darcy Richardson, "New Democrat" from Florida, was the first in a wave of comparatively small-name Presidential hopefuls. While many have dropped out or are likely to do so, Vermont Supreme and Randall Terry have likewise thrown in their hats. Of course, Ron Paul is the biggest name to run under a third party... good luck to him.

Even if one cites the saner reasons for not sup-

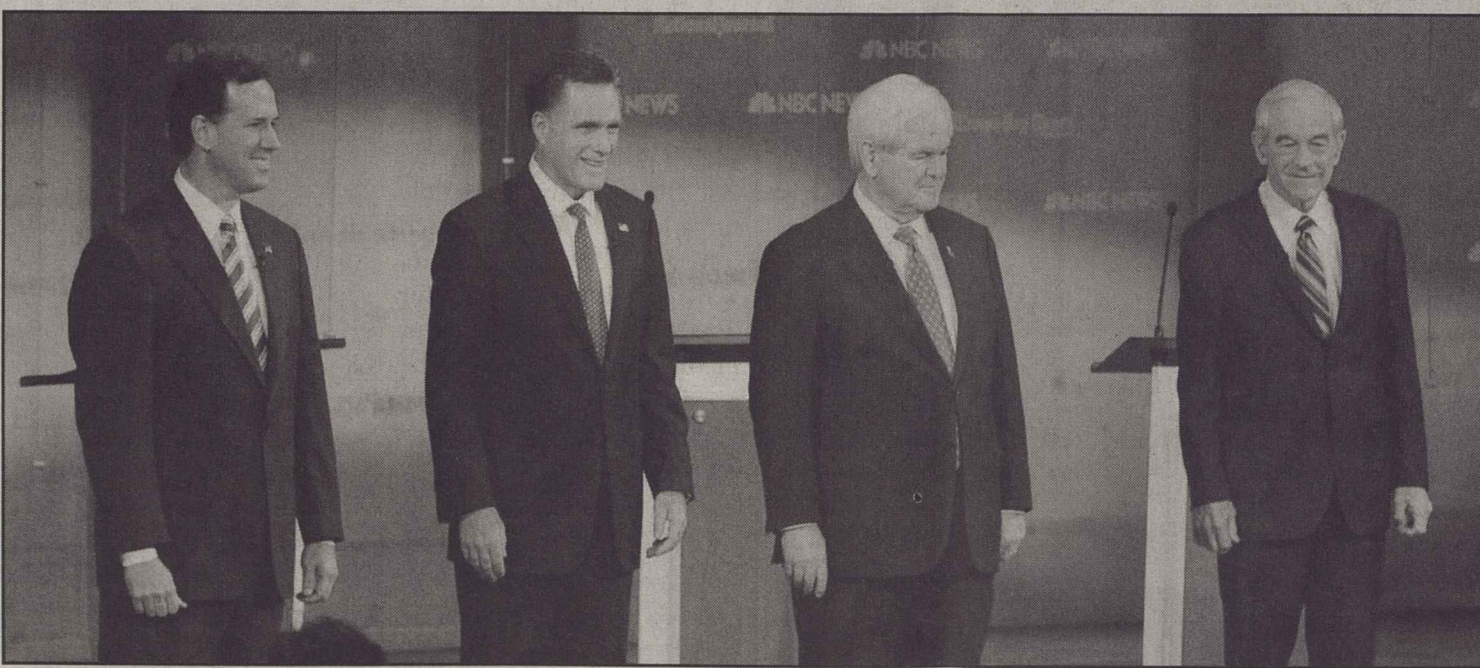
porting Obama—relative inexperience was fairly popular in 2008, but would hold far less water now—this asks the question of whom to elect in his stead. The Republican Party has thus far provided spectacular examples of whom not to see in the Oval Office (failure to fill out paperwork and an inability to remember one's own plan come to mind).

Even Mitt Romney, who has demonstrated a truly commendable effort to represent saner conservatives, has been known to flip on the issues (I'm looking at you, abortion) and support such

flawed systems as "No Child Left Behind." What happens when even one of the saner opponents has been known to have a "multiple-choice world view?"

Before stepping into that booth in less than one year (and actually doing so), please do not do so with only the word of the mass media. This is not a time for fanatics or newcomers or whatever celebrity throws in their hat next (even if it is Steven Colbert). Whomever you throw your support behind, at least make sure that you can back them up.

Race toward the finish line: Will Americans get stumbled over along the way?



Andrea Violet
News Editor
Opinion/Editorial

Since the first of the year, many changes have occurred in the Republican presidential candidacy race. An alarming realization hit me as I was watching some of the new political advertisements. This race is beginning to resemble a group of second graders on a playground.

Some of the kids are the "good kids," and follow the rules. Others are the ones who are the "name callers," and try to put down the other kids. The "name callers" outweigh the "good kids,"

and the teachers (American citizens) do not know how to handle them. The smear campaigns (primarily by the super PACs) that have resulted from this race should be observed by psychologists so as to measure the full extent of degradation possible between human beings.

Following a devastating loss in Iowa, Michele Bachmann withdrew from the race. Within the last two weeks, Jon Huntsman withdrew from the race, with his endorsement going to Romney, and Rick Perry withdrew, his endorsement going to Gingrich. With many of the previous top contenders

now in last place, and out of the race entirely, it is hard to predict who will come out on top at the end.

According to the Washington Post, the New Hampshire primaries, which occurred on January 10, ended in Romney winning with 39.3% of the vote. He was followed by Ron Paul with 22.8% and Jon Huntsman with 16.9%.

According to Real Clear Politics, the South Carolina primary, which occurred on January 21, ended in a win for Gingrich at 33.5% of the vote. He was followed by Romney with 28.5% and Paul with 13.8%. The upcoming

primary in Florida will be an interesting one for sure!

The events that have followed the New Hampshire primary are those that are disturbing to all voters. The capacity of the super PACs and the candidates themselves to "name call" and openly display animosity toward their fellow candidates shows a sense of immaturity.

The race has now turned into the illustrious term "dirty politics." In the minds of many Americans, the race has become about choosing the lesser of two evils rather than a candidate we actually have faith in to run our country. With the focus of the re-

maining candidates being on maintaining their personal lead in the Republican seat race, they are not focusing on the issues important to the American public enough. Obama is coming up now and attempting to fulfill a promise he made back in his State of the Union address. That promise was to "take responsibility for our deficit and reform government."

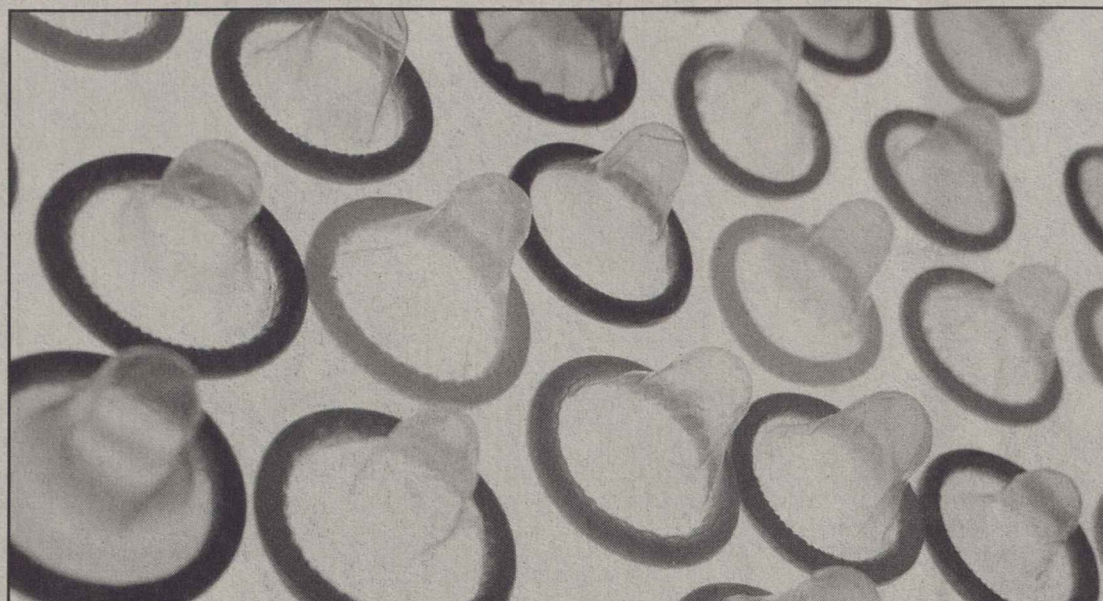
He is now attempting to do that by requesting a power from Congress to streamline and reform the executive branch. This is a power that no president has had since Ronald Reagan. He is taking action now and that is what the majority of Americans are seeing.

I have to hand it to him, he is an excellent opportunist, because with the 2012 election nearing the American public is now seeing two views: Obama (finally) making the changes he has promised since the beginning and Republican candidates trying to out do each other in debates and promoting advertisement slurs against one another.

With this being what the public is currently viewing, it will definitely be an interesting race up to the end of 2012.

NEWS

Condoms are back! Occupy movement spreads across America



Cara Lavender
Copy Editor

Condoms are good for you! There, I said it. One piece of latex can protect you from pesky sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and pregnancy. No one wants STDs. Some may not think it is necessary to say such a comment because it is seemingly common knowledge, but you might be surprised by how many people in our age group do not understand the importance of safe sex garb.

It was recently brought to VOX-Planned Parenthood's attention that Centenary's campus no longer provides easy access to condoms. There was once a time when condoms were accessible by walking ten feet out of your dorm room and snagging one from a box in the hall, or sneaking into Health Services to pick some up off of their table. The era of readily accessible condoms on campus has passed.

Due to this pressing issue on campus and the likelihood

that many students are practicing less than safe sex, VOX has been coming up with ways to get condoms back on campus and back into your lives.

On the evening of February 9, VOX and the National Organization for Women (NOW) will be teaming up for "Love Fest," an event where students are invited to make Valentines in the SUB for friends and for the Philadelphia Center. There will also be the opportunity to send out "Condom-Grams" to a friend for a small cost. This is a good opportunity to come out and support safe sex on our campus. It is rumored that there will be many delicious cookies for your enjoyment. VOX is also going to be making a festive tent that will house a giant bowl of free condoms for students. This event will take place in the SUB.

The Philadelphia Center has provided Centenary with condoms in the past, but can no longer donate to us due to their own needs. If you want

condoms back on campus, act now! Be on the lookout for additional information on how to help and be a part of the return of condoms to campus. As always, "no glove, no love."

VOX is Centenary's chapter of Planned Parenthood. The goal of this organization is to spread education about contraceptives and other sexual health issues. The group focuses mainly on women's issues such as reproductive rights and options as well as resources for women to get the healthcare that they need. But the organization also cares deeply about educating the population on safe sex for all people regardless of gender.

If you are interested in becoming a part of VOX, or want to help with this event, contact Cara Lavender at clavender@my.centenary.edu. If you are interested in becoming a part of NOW, contact Sara Whittington at swhittington@my.centenary.edu.

Erika Lunsford
Staff Writer

For decades, "protesters were prime makers of history," according to Time magazine. Their December 2011 issue cover story was "The Protester," highlighting moments of protest over the past 50 years where protesters marched to be heard.

In the 60's, people marched to end the Vietnam War and segregation. The 70's brought protest against issues in Portugal and Iran. A tirade of issues were protested against in the 80's, ranging from nuclear weapons to tyranny in Europe. Things finally slowed down for two decades, barring a successful protest or two - until 2011, when protesting roared back to life as a sign of our times.

After various violent protests in Europe, Greece, and Egypt, America followed suit with the Occupy Wall Street movement after nearly two decades of dormancy.

When the economy collapsed in 2008, Americans could only sit back in horror as most Americans had pay, benefits, and living standards decrease while the wealthiest 1% grew richer and had it better than ever.

According to Dave Gilson and Carolyn Perot, writers for the liberal magazine MotherJones, the wealthiest .01% of America makes roughly \$27 million per household, while the lower 99% (the average American) only makes approximately \$31,000 a year.

And finally, in September of 2011, the 99% had had enough.

"In the face of unchecked capitalism and a broken, captured state, the citizens of Occupy America have done something desperate and audacious—they put their faith and hope in the last seemingly credible force left in the world: each other," stated Richard Kim, a magazine staff writer for The Nation, as he points out in one of his articles, "The

Audacity of Occupy Wall Street."

One after another, protesters were pepper sprayed, beaten, and arrested for attempting to shut down Wall Street, the economic center of our nation. The people were fighting against corporate greed and the abuse of democracy, and they were met with violence.

Mass media and news companies, such as Fox and NBC, highlight these protests, sometimes even seeming to glorify the violence that has been taking place across the nation. With images of bloodied and injured protesters being led away in handcuffs by police, how could violence not be the central focus?

Take, for example, the Brooklyn Bridge march by activists after a long day of protesting in September of 2011. These protesters were looking to end their day on a peaceful note, but it ended with hundreds of arrests and several people injured, including two police officers.

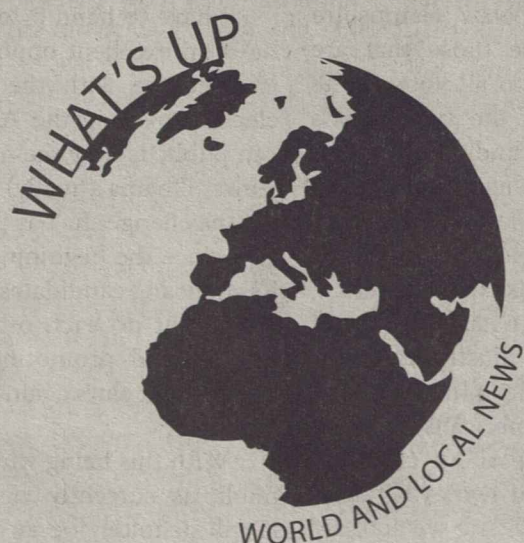
It did not have to end this way, but unfortunately, it has ended like this on more than one occasion.

The media has the right to portray such events as they so deign, but protesters also have rights covered by the First Amendment. So many fight for change and freedom, and they are met with anti-Occupy advocates and sometimes violence and police brutality. Whatever happened to the constitutional rights of Americans?

It seems that many are swept up into the anger, retribution, and revolt, and they forget what they are fighting for: food and shelter for the homeless, healthcare for the sick, equal distribution of wealth, etc.

With the Occupy movement now in Shreveport, voices can be heard in our area as well as across the nation. However, we must remember our morals and principles as we fight for change.

The Conglomerate
Newspaper
Meetings Sunday nights
3rd floor of the SUB
7pm



Obama

With his re-election at stake, President Obama in his State of the Union address late Tuesday said "no challenge is more urgent" than keeping the American dream alive.



New Species

A new species of catfish has been discovered in a river deep in a South American jungle. It is just one of 46 species, found in southwest Suriname.



Syria

A Red Crescent official and a priest were among the two-dozen reported killed Wednesday in Syria, where a pro-government militia stormed neighborhoods in a city already notorious for an earlier revolt.

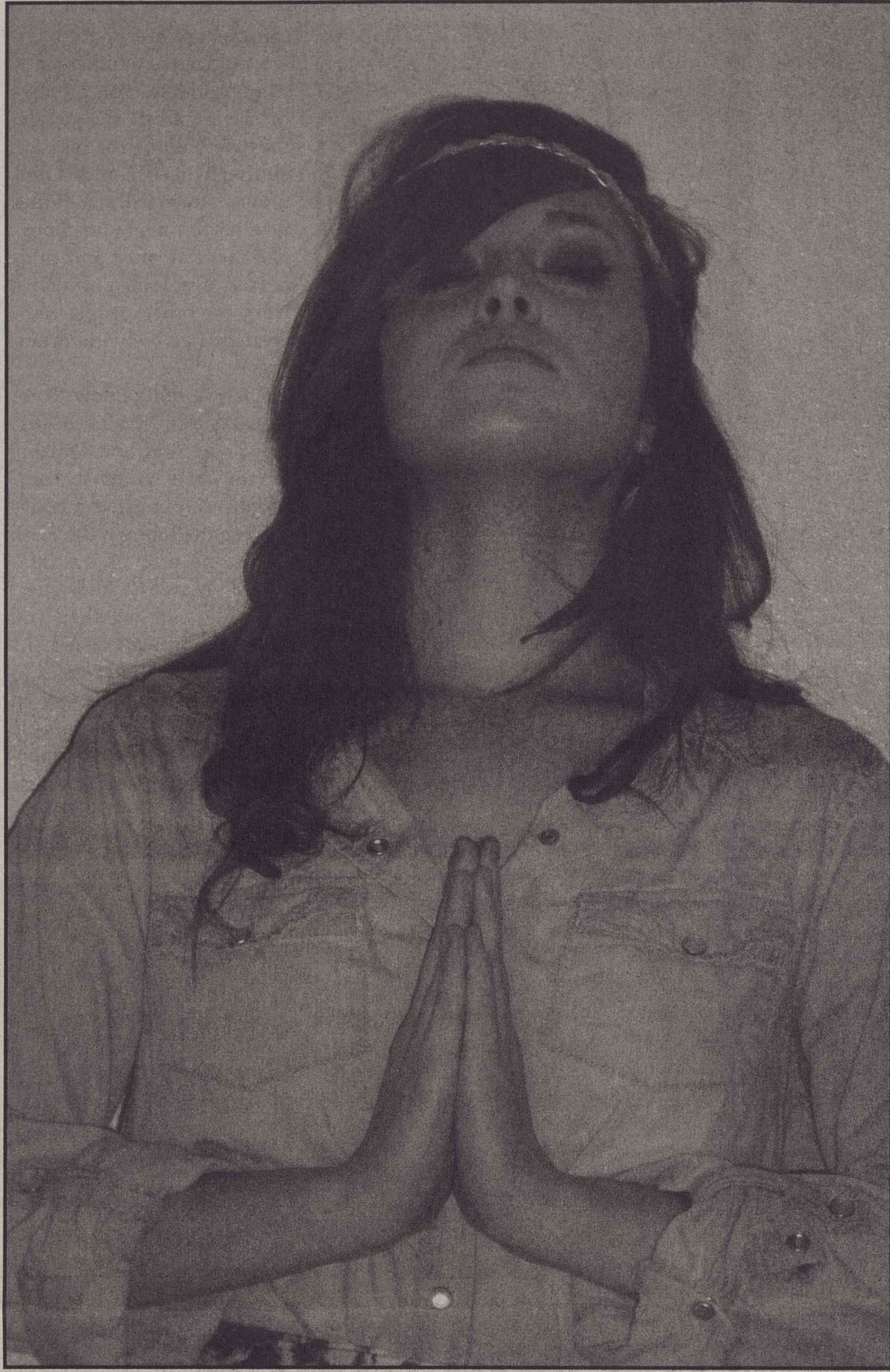


Megaupload

A New Zealand court denied bail Wednesday to the founder of the shuttered file-sharing site Megaupload, whose extradition is being sought by the U.S. Department of Justice.

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The Steps to Enlightenment: Discomfort is Inevitable



Karley Aiken
A&E Editor
Opinion/Editorial

"Gutting yourself from the ego...is the greatest act of

loyalty you could execute."

This was the take-home sentence from my new group: Spiritual Awakening. In a close and

personal environment on Sunday evenings, I will be scraping my inner hidden self to become as open and as honest as I can possibly be-

in order to achieve spiritual awakening.

Some people, my own friends even, might think that this is a bit out of reach and perhaps a little insane. After all, I am a twenty-year-old girl in college trying to figure out what I'm going to do with my life. I should be focusing on school, maintaining my health, making a little money maybe.

But the thing is, I feel satisfied in most areas of my life. I am in a stable, healthy relationship. I am fairly healthy, and I have good grades. Yet I still feel as though something is missing.

I grew up Methodist and to be honest, it seemed like a fair-weather friend. The churches that I attended were great—but they didn't really fulfill me. I didn't feel as though my purpose, my reason for being there, was fulfilled and so, for a while, I just stopped going to church altogether.

In fact, I didn't go to church my entire freshman year of college. It wasn't until halfway through my sophomore year of college that I even stepped back into a church. I took a job at the local Unitarian Universalist church as a nursery worker. And I loved it.

But...then again, I was kind of stuck in the nursery. It is only just recently, within the past month or so, that I have finally found a spiritual calling that I know I connect to and fulfills me. This, my friends, is Buddhism.

Now, I know you all must have your own perceptions about Buddhism. It can be classified and practiced in many different ways. The sort of practice that I am enamored with is Buddhism from a Western perspective.

I am not going to wake up one day and shave my head or become a nun or jump ship to India in order to practice my beliefs—rather, I can meld the teachings of Buddhism into an understandable and more rational practice that allows me to be free with myself.

I happened upon this wonderful method of teaching when I visited the Refuge Meditation Group about a month and a half ago. My friend and I went to take a meditation class, which usually includes some kind of discussion. As it so happens, it was exactly what I needed. I haven't missed a single meditation class since that first visit – and now, I am embarking on an intense, personal journey of growth that goes beyond even an hour of disciplined meditation: the awakening of my spiritual self.

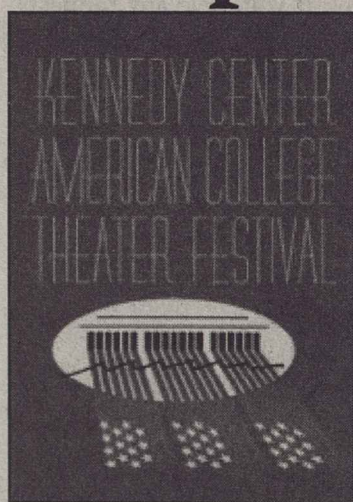
In this column, I will explore different lessons and practices that the Spiritual Awakening group is doing each week, and apply it to my life and let you in on my spiritual growth. For this week, I'd like to pose this statement to you all, the same statement that I posed to myself during our first meeting: Perhaps we are all con artists, presenting a scam of ourselves to the world. What greater self is inside of us and what will it take for us to replace the replica with the real?

The main lesson for our first meeting was understanding that we are all going to be uncomfortable at some point. Maybe many points. After all, it's not the easiest thing to just open yourself up and share all kinds of things with people you hardly know.

I, for one, am a secretive person. I don't really care to be all that open and sharing and friendly with everyone I come across (I know what you're thinking, "Then why do you have a personal column?!"). But in order to grow, we have to be uncomfortable. It's inevitable. And I'm willing to risk discomfort.

Besides, I'm sure that butterflies have an awfully awkward time when they're growing inside of that tiny, ridiculous cocoon. And you never hear them complaining!

"Glory of Living" to compete in KC/ACTF



Erika Lunsford
Staff Writer

It may come as no surprise to the Centenary community that the Centenary College Theatre department, through their performance of "The Glory of Living," has been chosen to compete in the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival.

What may seem surprising is the vast number of productions that were entered for consideration: over 300 productions were entered regionally, and only six were invited to perform at KC/ACTF. Schools from Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and New Mexico were considered, and it was with great pride that the Theatre department an-

nounced their success.

The Centenary Theatre department, along with its dedicated professors and students, have painstakingly put many hours into this production that was shown during the fall semester here at Centenary.

But the journey is far from over. In order to raise money for Festival, "The Glory of Living" will be on stage once more in February.

The trip will cost the department approximately \$18,000, which will include registration costs, student travel fares, transportation for the components of the play (i.e., set, props, costumes), lodging, meals, script royalties, etc.

Not only will "The Glory of Living" be showcased for thousands at KC/ACTF, but the students will have the chance to watch the other five schools perform, take workshops from the industry's professionals, and audition for personal awards and scholarships.

There will be some changes made to the production, however, which is another reason the department has decided to revive the show. The actors will have a chance to revisit the show

and its characters, and the set design must be changed because of theatre restrictions at KC/ACTF.

When asked what she enjoyed most about directing the show, Emily Heugatter said, "I have enjoyed watching the students dive into a challenging script and find the humanity of these seemingly despicable characters. Each cast member has grown immensely as an actor...and I'm thrilled to present this piece to the rest of the region as an example of what Centenary Theatre is capable."

It is an exciting honor for Centenary to be involved in KC/ACTF, and the Theatre department will do nothing but good in representing the college and showing the region what talented, hard-working students we have here.

"The Glory of Living" will reprise at Marjorie Lyons Playhouse, February 16 & 17 at 8:00pm. It is a fundraiser, and students will be charged for tickets. Please come show your support and help the Theatre department reach their goal for KC/ACTF. For more information or to reserve tickets, please call MLP at (318)-869-5424 during regular business hours.

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on the Internet, but... [if the bill passes], there will be more limitations to what can be posted."

The removed portion of the bill would have given the Department of Justice authority to seek court orders requiring Internet service providers to block access to foreign sites accused of infringement.

As the bill currently stands, SOPA would hold the operator of a website responsible for any copyright violations (as opposed to simply the user who posted the content.) It would

also allow the US Attorney General to prevent search engines and advertisers from doing business with such sites.

Many major web sites, including Wikipedia and Google, oppose or question the bill, claiming that web sites that host a wide range of users cannot exist under SOPA. However, some individuals have doubts that the bill will be passed as is.

"It's too radical... people are against it," said Freshman Jacob Robison. "So a lot of people will find ways around it or rebel."

Produced by SGA

A Steady Rain
By Keith Huff

January 27th and 28th
8:00 PM

Marjorie Lyons Playhouse

Admission: Pay what you will, \$3 minimum.

A&E

A Million Reasons: Lunchbox



Hadley Million
Layout Editor
Opinion/Editorial

"Lunchbox girl" is a phrase you might hear often if you happen to develop the habit of hanging out with Dina and Reem Abo-Zahrah, and I. The origin of this less than endearing nickname begins a long time ago in a land far, far away.

In order to understand this nickname in its entirety I would like to take a walk with you into the past to a time when Reem resided in the place she calls home, or what most fondly refer to as

the Middle East. Imagine if you will Reem as she is, just slightly shorter, less womanly, with bushier hair.

Like many during their middle school to high school years Reem strived to be a member of her years "popular group". I for one attempted to do so by forcing myself on the group. Specifically, I would plan out where I would sit in the cafeteria during lunch times just so I would be sure to be in the vicinity of someone with superior popularity status. Eventually the "Pops" caught on to my scheming and reported me to the principal who quickly

dismissed me with my shattered dreams and eternal social awkwardness.

Reem's tactics were more thoughtful. In a sense, she did force herself on the girls like I did but she forced herself on them in a more subtle way; Reem decided to generously carry all of their lunchboxes around school for said girls. I'm not sure about you, but picturing pint-sized Reem walking around school with a dozen lunchboxes in her arms is slightly amusing but even more heart wrenching.

From the moment I heard this story I began to call Reem out anytime she

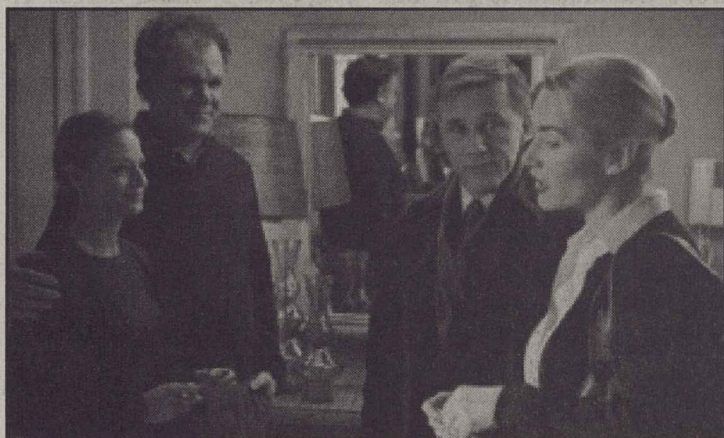
would do anything that seemed oddly reminiscent of "lunchbox girl". For instance, I drop a piece of popcorn on the floor but I find I'm too lazy to pick it up. I am visibly irritated at my predicament, Reem notices and immediately jumps off the bed on the other side of the room and picks up the piece of popcorn. Choruses of "Reem, lunchbox" will more than likely ensue.

Reem has been known to do others' dishes, laundry, organization (rather pathetically), and various other tasks that involve her going out of her way to do some-

thing no one else on the planet would agree to unless they were promised cash or years of slavery from the person they were doing the task for. At times this becomes a hindrance. Reem will sometimes take on too many lunchbox-like tasks at once and finds herself only doing productive work for other people rather than her own important tasks.

If you don't know Reem Abo-Zahrah, "lunchbox girl", "the crazy Arab", or "Dreamy Reemy", she is most commonly seen in Mickie, James Proper, the Library, the SUB, or on the arm of the infamous Marcos Rodriguez. Regardless of whether you know her or not, I would like to point out the extremes to which Reem lives her life in order to serve other people and make them feel important and warm and fuzzy on the inside. Reem teaches me valuable lessons everyday. Lesson number one: never wear gray with black because she will kill you; and lesson number two: it's not always about what's convenient for you, get over yourself and stop thinking of how someone can help you get ahead. I think if we all had a little more "lunchbox" in us this campus would be a more bearable and cleaner place.

Movie Review: Carnage: Four elephants in the Room



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The Robinson Film Center recently showed the film Carnage, starring Kate Winslet, Jodie Foster, Christopher Waltz, and John C. Reilly.

This movie seemed like a string of comedic relief scenes; the setting of the entire film consisted of a few rooms in an apartment and a hallway.

The movie was first a play written by Yasmina Reza called, "God of Carnage," that ran successfully on Broadway. The movie doesn't lose that stage feel at all – in fact; it engages the audience and captures their attention precisely because of that smaller, centered focus.

The movie begins with the attempt of two sets of parents to resolve an argument between their children. Because of childish behavior and polar opposite attitudes, the couples range from cordial awkward conversations to escalating arguments between one another, couple to couple as well as spouse to spouse.

The characters definitely make up four elephants in the room, as each one is a well-defined character with their own agenda that clearly gets aired out.

RFC regular and Centenary junior, Angela Kate Impson, says "I like how it retained its play-like qualities. It wasn't Hollywood – it stayed simple, yet it was captivating and entertaining the entire time, even with the same setting. It shows the skill of the director and the producer to be able to make a movie this way and still stay interesting."

Jodie Foster and Kate Winslet were both nominated for the 2012 Golden Globe Best Actress in a Motion Picture for Carnage.

Though the Robinson is no longer showing this movie, it is a must-see if you can find it. The movie is original and hilarious – something that, I would assume, most people enjoy. If you would claim to be the type of person that is tired of movies filled with an overload of crude comedy, this is probably a film that you would not like to see.

Quick Fix: Spinach Bacon Mac and Cheese

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Opinion/Editorial

Since last week's article was about dessert, I thought this week I would go with something heartier. Macaroni and cheese is a very easy, basic food that college kids eat on a regular basis. However, it can get really boring really quickly. So, I present to you Spinach Bacon Mac and Cheese because who doesn't love bacon?

What You Need:

- 1 box of mac and cheese
- 1 bag of spinach
- 1 bag of bacon bits (The

ones in the bag are better than the ones in the containers because they are softer and don't add a strange crunch to the mac and cheese.)

What You Do:

1. Boil water
2. While the water is boiling, start pulling apart the spinach. I pull the stems off and break some leaves up and leave some whole. It takes more spinach than you would think because spinach has a subtle taste.
3. When the water comes to a boil, add the pasta. Stir every once in a while so it doesn't stick to the bottom and burn.
4. When the pasta is almost finished, add the spinach. Cook the spinach until it looks wilted.
5. Drain the spinach and pasta, leaving a little bit of water for the cheese mix.
6. Add the cheese. If the cheese is powdered, add a

little bit at a time so it doesn't clump up.

7. Add the bacon bits. You don't need to salt the mac and cheese because the bacon bits are so salty. Unlike the spinach, the bacon bits have a strong flavor so you don't have to use a lot.

That's it! Pretty simple right? I bought all of the ingredients at the Brookshires on Kings. I got two boxes of mac and cheese, a bag of spinach, and a bag of bacon bits and it was a little under eight dollars. One box makes about two or three servings.

With the left over spinach and bacon bits, you can add them with some eggs and make an omelet for breakfast, or brinner.

If you aren't a fan of spinach, you can get the mac and cheese that has broccoli in it to replace it.

Bon appétit!

If you have any requests or suggestions for recipes email Deon Wadsworth at dwardsworth@my.centenary.edu.



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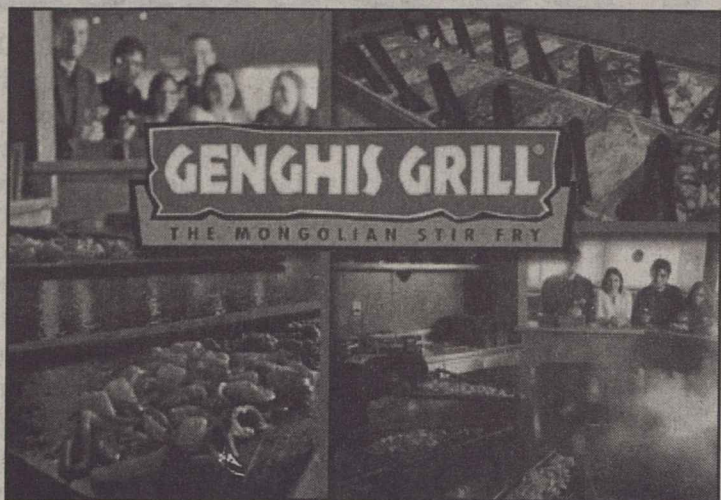
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Extremely Loud and Extremely Close
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The Descendants

Now Playing and Coming Soon at The Robinson Film Center:

A Dangerous Method
Good Hair
Better Angel
Groundhogs Day

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Restaurant Review: Genghis Grill



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Opinion/Editorial

The Asian restaurant chain, Genghis Grill, has finally moved to Shreveport, located at 7435 Youree Drive next to Jersey Mike's and Orange Leaf.

It sits amid a plethora of other restaurants and stores in the strip malls scattering Youree Drive. Genghis Grill is known for its Mongolian-style barbeque grill and its hundreds of dinner combinations with its "Build your own bowl" option.

The atmosphere of the restaurant is extremely laid-back and open, with warm lighting and modern décor (if it is albeit Mongolian-gear). I do have to point out that the seating arrange-

ment was a bit cramped, but the restaurant does not have much space with which to negotiate.

The menu offers two choices: pre-designated meals and the "Build Your Own Bowl" option. Prices range from \$7.99-15.99, comparable to most other dine-in restaurants in the area. There are also lunch and dinner menu options, lunch offering the same meals at a much lower price.

I settled for the "Build your own bowl," opting for the "Endless bowl" which offers an almost buffet-like, endless array of choices.

But before I describe my bowl construction, I must explain the set-up of this restaurant that may assault first-timers with its awesomeness and infinite recipes.

Upon receiving a small metal bowl, the customer walks to the beginning of a buffet-like counter with five steps. First, you pick your protein, with meat choices ranging from plain, ol' chicken and beef to king crab and calamari.

Next, you season your meat. Warning: remember the Genghis Grill slogan, "a dash will do," because many of the seasonings contain salt and may lead to overly salty dishes in the end.

Third, you pile your bowl high with all the veggies and add-ons you could possibly imagine, most of them Asian-related—but there are other foods such as potatoes, spinach, and jalapenos to add your own unique flavor. The bowl can be overflowing, but remember: nothing can be protruding too far from the bowl (so cram it down!).

Choosing your sauce comes next, and there are about a dozen options from which to choose. Each sauce is paired with a description and a little picture of flames to signal how spicy the sauce is.

Finally, you take your bowl to the cooks' circle, and you choose which starch you desire to accompany your bowl. Rice (brown, white, and

fried offered), Udon noodles, tortillas, and spiral pasta are the possibilities.

After returning to the table, the food is cooked and then delivered, steaming hot and delicious.

During my visit, I tried a diverse bowl for my first trip, filling it to the brim with turkey, Asian stir-fry veggies, broccoli, mushrooms, baby corn, sugar snap peas, squash, zucchini, carrots, and brown rice, topped with the atomic Khanzu sauce (which was disappointingly not as spicy as its four flames indicated, but then again, a Texas girl like me may be able to handle the heat better than some).

The waitress delivered my food, and I was pleased to find it hot and delicious. The portion sitting in the bowl seemed much larger than it had looked in the small metal bowl pre-cooking, and the combinations I had chosen for my bowl exploded into yummy delight as the flavors complimented each other magnificently.

Upon creating my second bowl, I opted for marinated steak along with the same veggies and sauce in my first bowl. I also chose tortillas instead of brown rice the second go-around. Surprise

etched my face as I bit into this Asian fajita I had created, and I was just as pleased as I was with the first bowl.

At this point, I was stuffed, so the endless bowl did not turn out to be so endless.

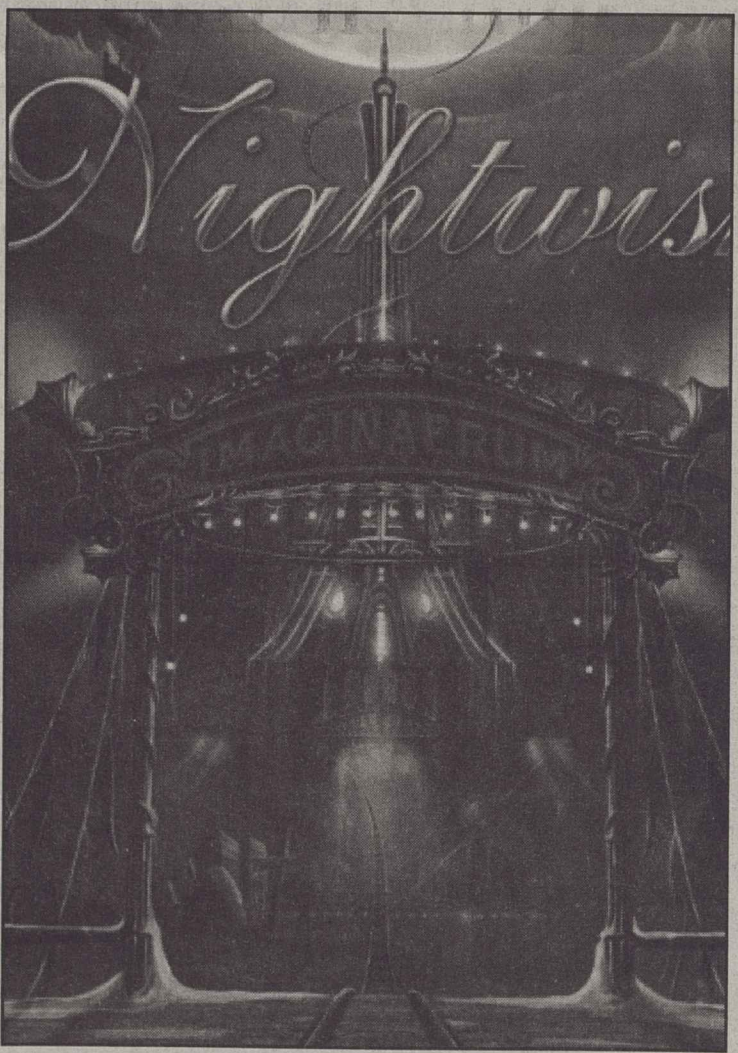
I was, however, exceptionally pleased with the food and the service. The options were endless, and the food was always hot. Genghis Grill also vows to honor any special requests or food allergies.

On top of that, my waitress made sure my drink was never even half-empty, and she cleared the table of any trash periodically. Her kind demeanor and cheerfulness was also much appreciated.

A word of advice to those who choose the "endless bowl" option: divide and "khanquer." If you find yourself wanting to sample many bowl combinations, remember that a little bit goes a long way.

Take your friends or dine with family, but this restaurant is great for any outing, day or night! Genghis Grill definitely receives two thumbs-up in my book, and I would recommend this restaurant to anyone.

Nightwish's "Imaginaerum" hits US stores



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Opinion/Editorial

Tuomas Hoppolein has officially outdone himself. His latest work, "Nightwish" album "Imaginaerum," has reached a blend of subtlety and eeriness possibly greater than any album previous.

While some of the melodies will seem familiar ("Storytime," "The Escapist" is coming to mind...), the soft voice of lead singer Anette Olzon and surprise addition of a children's choir have made the album a stunning piece of work.

As always, "Nightwish" lives up to the symphonic metal genre with stunning orchestral work and a whole album that tells a story: in this case, a dying composer

imagining his childhood. As a whole, Hoppolein was apparently bound and determined to fit every other style he could into his own; carnival tunes, and a music box deserve special mention.

As "About.com" put it, "Some albums are so diverse that they become disjointed, but that never happens here." Each song has a life all its own, made all the more real by Janne "Toxic Angel" Pitkanen's amazing artistic work for the album (see picture). Honestly, the whole thing sounds like Tim Burton's dream score.

Ironically enough, however, the "poppiest" song (according to Hoppolein) actually came from the band's hardest rocker (Marco Hietala). "The Crow, the Owl, and

the Dove" is one of the only five songs less than five minutes long, and easily the most easy-going tune in spite of its melancholic subject matter.

Few of the songs are particularly cheerful, however—the fact that one song is titled "I Want My Tears Back," and another has a refrain along the lines of "He will drown down, he will drown, drown deeper down," easily drives that point home. At the same time, those songs are powerful in their own way, mixing Hoppolein's flair for poetry with Nightwish's ability to seamlessly blend a variety of sounds.

Perhaps it is the overarching theme of longing for one's past that pulls the album together so well. Each song, in spite of the varying styles, easily flows into the next as the listener migrates from the opening "Taikatalvi" ("Magic Winter," the first Finnish from the band since "Once" of 2004) to the deliberately bizarre "Scartale" and the 14-minute ballad "Song of Myself."

The finisher, "Imaginaerum," one of Hoppolein's masterpiece instrumentals, becomes nostalgic in itself as it blends the melodies of the earlier songs and carries the album's original title. On top of that, "Imaginaerum" shares the title with an upcoming Finnish film... which evolved from Hoppolein's concept of thirteen music videos into the tale of an old, dementia-inflicted composer.

Pirated copies have been circulating around the Internet since at least early November 2011. This album officially hit store shelves in America on January 10th.

"A Steady Rain" forecasted at MLP

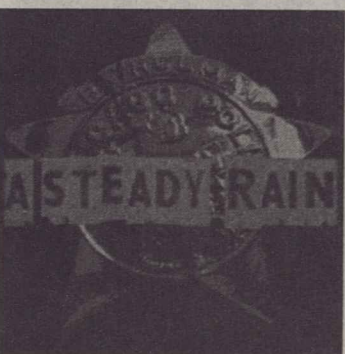
Erika Lunsford
Staff Writer

"A Steady Rain" is a stage play written by Keith Huff. Originally produced by the Chicago Dramatists in 2007, it hit the Broadway stage in 2009. This show won three Joseph Jefferson Awards for Best New Work, Best Actor, and Best Production in 2008 at the Royal George Theatre in Chicago.

This gritty, two-man show focuses on two Chicago policemen, Joey and Denny, who have been friends since childhood. Their friendship is tested after several harrowing events. With a plot that was inspired in part by the serial killer case of Jeffrey Dahmer, this dark show promises unexpected twists and turns that will leave the audience gripping their seats.

Starring BJ Acosta and Josh Rabalais, both juniors, this show will hit Centenary at the end of January. The two decided to produce the show after joking around one day about how there were only two main stage productions for the spring semester.

Acosta and Rabalais mulled over two- and three-man shows; "A Steady Rain" was mentioned, and both agreed on the show. Neither had previous experience with the show, and they were intrigued by its difficulty and brilliance.



After proposing "A Steady Rain" to the Student Government Association here at Centenary, SGA agreed to foot the bill for production, which helps both the Theatre Department and SGA.

With Emily Heugatter directing, it has been a very collaborative and demanding effort to produce the show because of the many challenges it raises.

The play alternates between long monologues and present-moment dialogue between Joey and Denny. BJ Acosta pointed out that the lines were definitely the most difficult part of the show. "It's been rough," Josh Rabalais added.

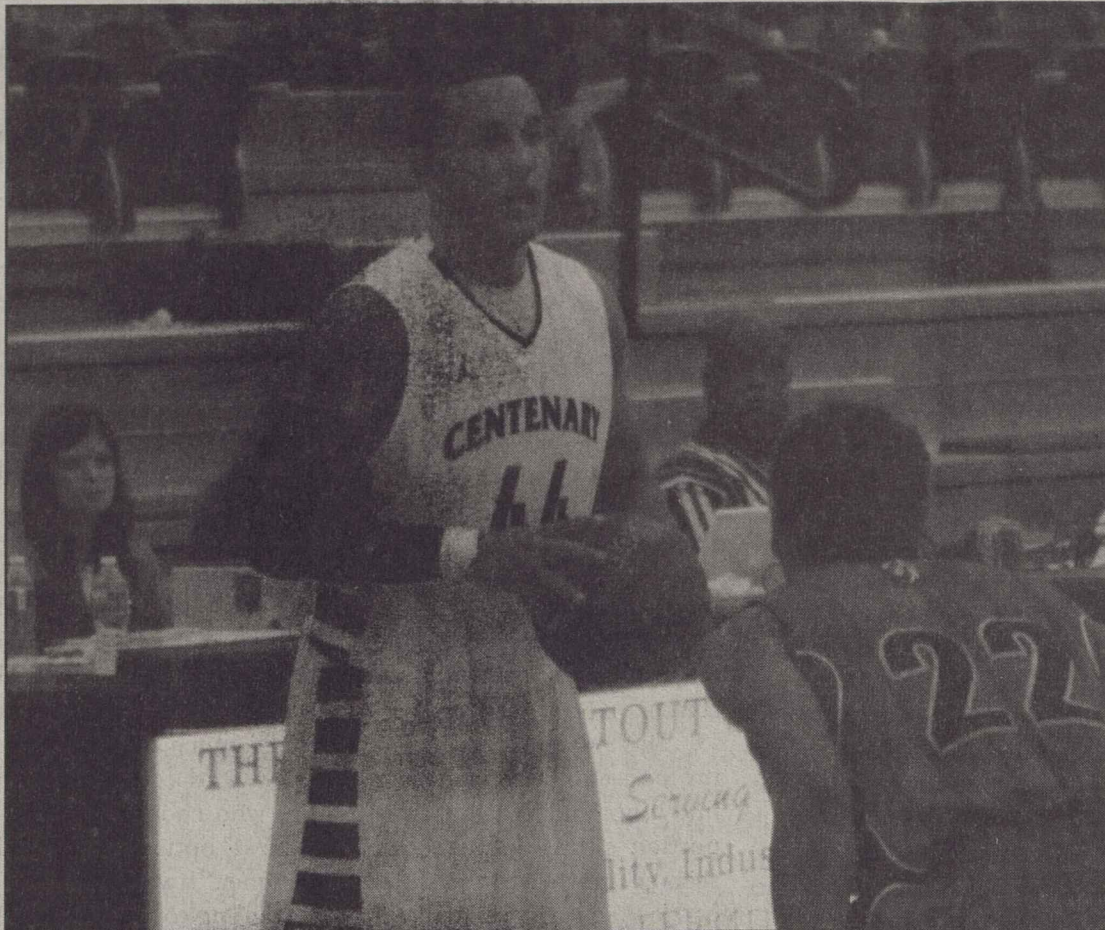
The characters and plot are also gritty and dark, almost film-noir in a sense, with the setting constantly spotlighted under interrogation lamps. With serial killers, drive-by shootings, prostitutes, flawed characters, and a lifelong friendship that is thoroughly put to the test, this play deals with the darkest sides of humanity.

When asked what were the challenges and rewards of "A Steady Rain," BJ Acosta replied, "This show takes everything that is difficult in theatre and wraps it up in one amazing play...it has been such a challenging process, and that in itself is rewarding."

The show will run January 27 and 28 at 8:00pm, and ticket prices are "pay what you will donations" with a \$3 minimum. For more information or to reserve tickets, contact Marjorie Lyons Playhouse at (318)-869-5242 during normal business hours.

SPORTS

The Gents Will Not Be Denied



Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

The Gents continue to prove themselves in the Division III this past week adding two more victories to the win column.

The Gents went on a road trip to face LeTourneau and UT-Tyler. Centenary and LeTourneau met for the fourth time on Thursday. The Gents own the all-time series at 3-0. The last time these two teams met was back in 2001.

Coming into the game 6-7, the Gents wanted to even their record at 7-7 after

opening up the season at 1-7.

Senior Maxx Nakwaasah led all scorers with his eleventh 20+-point game this season, scoring 26 points on 9-of-10 from the charity stripe. This game also got Nakwaasah his tenth straight double-double game.

Behind the senior in scoring was freshman Tyler Wright with 13 points, followed by freshman Caden Cheramie not only playing a great defense, but putting in 10 points for the Gents.

Head coach Adam Walsh always wants his team to rebound their opponents but both teams pulled down 36

rebounds apiece. However, the Gents did not need rebounds because as a unit they shot 47% and knocked down six three-pointers.

The Gents extended their early lead to 27-9 following the run and managed to hold LeTourneau without a field goal in the final seven minutes of the ten minute run. Hardin-Crawford's spark off the bench for another game began a run for the Gents.

Up 8-5, Centenary produced a 21-4 run over a 10-minute span on three-pointers by Hardin-Crawford, Nakwaasah and

Cheramie.

Over the past six games, the Centenary Gents have showed off their ability to shoot the long ball. Coming into the second half the Gents led 32-21; however the Yellow Jackets came out on a 7-2 run bringing the game a bit closer.

Coach Walsh was able to rally his troops and finish the game in a dominating fashion. The Gents were able to keep turnovers down and their shot percentage up winning the game 74-58 bringing the team to 7-7.

UT-Tyler 1/21/12

The team got right back into game mode and traveled to The Rose Capital of the world, Tyler, Texas, to face the well balanced UT-Tyler Patriots. The Patriots just came off an emotional, last-second win against ETBU. The streaking Gents took their momentum to this game and faced a tough home crowd.

Centenary came out strong taking an early lead (10-4), however the Patriots rallied back and tied the game with 10:12 left in the first half.

The game would go back and forth in the closing of the half, with the Patriots ultimately leading (47-44). The Gents were not ready for Tyler when the Pats put together a run putting the Gents in a big hole to start the second half.

The Gents clawed their way back into the game. A

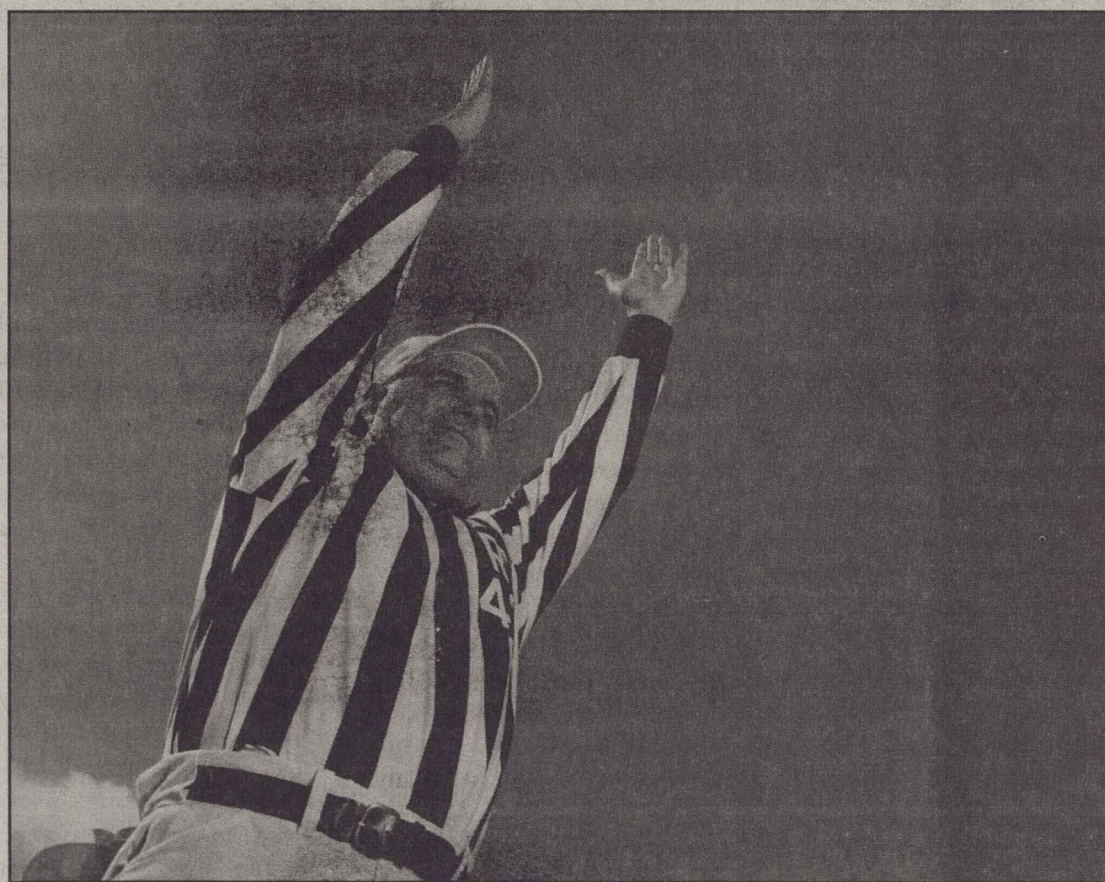
Nakwaasah layup at 10:01 tied the game for the eighth time at 55-55. Hardin-Crawford capped a 6-0 run to put the Gents up by five (62-57) with 6:36 left. With less than three minutes to play, a three by Nakwaasah stretched Centenary's lead to a comfortable twelve points (77-65), but seven unanswered points and then three consecutive three-pointers by UT-Tyler quickly made it an 82-81 game with nine seconds left.

The Gents, however, had Nakwaasah on their side and the Patriots were forced to foul the senior, putting him on the charity stripe. Nakwaasah knocked down both shots and a steal by Browning in the closing seconds giving the victory to the Gents.

Centenary outscored UT-Tyler, 54 to 42 in the second half and out rebounded the Patriots by ten rebounds. Nakwaasah also joined the elite 500-Rebound Club, pulling down a team-best eight boards to account for 501 total rebounds in his four-year career as a 6'3" power forward. He becomes the 25th player of all-time to join this list, just five boards away from moving into 22nd place alone.

Centenary will return home to host UT-Dallas on Thursday at 7:30 pm in the Gold Dome where the Gents are 6-1. Come support your 8-7 Gents to continue their winning streak.

Less referees impacts intramurals



Erika Lunsford
Staff Writer

It's no revelation that Intramural sports is suffering from a lack of referees for the spring semester. Currently, there are only four referees

available to ref intramurals. Unfortunately, that isn't enough.

No changes have been made yet, and everything that the Centenary Intramurals website indicates is still going to happen. What changes

will be made, if any, will be announced at the beginning of the Basketball intramurals season, which begins January 30.

Basketball, softball, 5 v. 5 outdoor soccer, inner-tube water polo, and sand

volleyball are the intramural sports being played during the spring semester here at Centenary. The referees hired for intramurals are qualified to ref all of the above sports.

After speaking with Justin Cash, Manager of Wellness Marketing and Intramural Sports, he is assuring the Centenary community that no sports will be cut from the spring intramurals line-up.

The season for each sport may be shortened, however, if no more refs apply. Instead of having nightly games all week long, the seasons may be shortened to 1-2 day tournaments.

In order for intramurals to continue on as planned, at least four more refs are needed to hold a decent schedule for each sport. "Five refs would be great," Cash pointed out.

"We are in desperate need of referees for this spring's intramurals, and we will be taking applications through January 30, when intramural basketball is set to begin," said Cash.

Cash was also quick to say that a sport may be cut if applicants are too intimidated by refereeing for the sport. "We just want to make people happy," he added.

Ref training for each sport will be the same as in previous intramurals seasons, with each sport having specific training sessions before each season lasting several days. Each ref will also be given all the equipment needed, including a referee shirt and whistle that they will keep.

If anyone is interested in applying for a referee position, stop by the Fitness Center and fill out an application. And remember, more refs are needed if the intramurals are to remain unchanged this spring.

Contact Justin Cash at (318)-841-7245 for more information or visit www.centenary.edu/student-services/recreation-intramurals.

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

January
28



Basketball
Women's
Jan. 28
Univ. of the Ozarks
Gold Dome
1:00 p.m.



Basketball
Men's
Jan. 28
Univ. of the Ozarks
Gold Dome
3:00 p.m.



Lacrosse
Jan. 28
St. Edwards
University
at Austin, Texas
4:00 p.m.



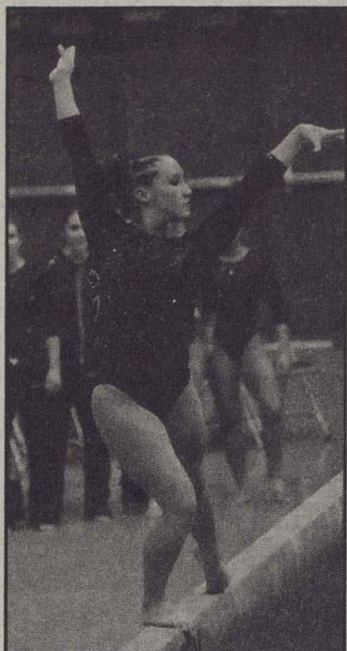
Gymnastics
Jan. 28
Denver, Air
Force
at Denver, Colo.
6:00 p.m.



Lacrosse
Jan. 29
Baylor
at Waco, Texas
1:00 p.m.

SPORTS

Ladies jump 4 points in the team all-around



Stephanie Wright
Staff Writer

The Ladies gymnastics team posted a new record-breaking season high this weekend in Denton, Texas; a 191.400, jumping a total of four points from the previous 187.500 they posted in Central Michigan.

"I think we made a huge improvement and we are headed in the right direction; we really made a statement this weekend," said sophomore Robyn Price.

"The team showed a strong performance at the quad meet against TWU, Oklahoma, and Utah State."

Starting on the floor exercise, senior Melody Smith led the way with a personal season high of a 9.750, closely followed by sophomore Tawnee Hadd with a 9.725, another personal season high.

The ladies looked strong and confident after their first event on floor only to keep it up on vault. Juniors Amanda Holt and Jessica Lieblich finished the vault line up

posting a 9.700(Holt) and a 9.650(Lieblich).

After the second event the Ladies looked energized and motivated, ready to attack the next two events.

On the uneven bars senior Stephanie Wright, Price, and Lieblich also set their personal season high scores with Wright's 9.700 closely followed by Price's 9.675 which was quickly followed with Lieblich's 9.650. After these great routines the Ladies only needed to do well on the balance beam to finish out the meet with a bang, and they did.

Even though the balance beam is only 4 inches wide, that did not stop sophomore Ciara Maradiaga from performing an almost perfect and beautiful routine. She posted a career high score of a 9.800. Senior Lauren Carlton followed Maradiaga's lead posting a 9.650, also a personal season high.

"Last night was a really great confidence booster for our team" said Junior Meg Crowley, previous MIC gymnast of the week.

"We improved so much from our last meet and we're motivated to keep on getting better each meet!"

Lieblich, Centenary's only all-around competitor, posted a 38.575 earning her 4th place at the competition.

"The Ladies did an amazing job today," said Centenary's head coach Jackie Fain.

"It was a great atmosphere having the entire team there; this is an incredible group of young ladies and you are going to see some amazing things from them this season."

Ladies split games

Christian Prince
Staff Writer

The Ladies were on the road this past week, headed to Longview and Tyler, Texas to play LeTourneau University and University of Texas-Tyler. This was a road weekend in which the Ladies had high hopes of reigning in two much needed road wins, but were only able to claim one.

Thursday night the Ladies faced off with the LeTourneau Lady Yellow Jackets. The night was a 40 minute battle of the Ladies matching the Yellow Jackets basket for basket. While the Ladies offense and even defense was on, they severely struggled with free throws and rebounding. The Ladies were 17-28 from the line and only grabbed 36 rebounds compared to the Jackets 47.

With 13 seconds left in the game, junior Vashni Sharp-Moore had the opportunity to put the Ladies ahead on two free throw shot. Sharp-Moore was unable to connect with the basket on either free throw. The Jacket took the ball down the floor, pulled a quick shot that missed the Ladies grabbed the board and headed down the floor. The Ladies were unable to get a shot off in time before the buzzer went off pushing the game into

overtime.

The Ladies scored first in OT but the Lady Yellow Jacket had a quick reply. As fatigue began to wear on the Ladies, the Jackets started to pull ahead. By the time the OT buzzer sounded the Ladies had fell to the Jackets in a devastating 83-79 loss.

Four Ladies produced double digits for the Ladies. Senior Megan Daniel scored 22 points, Junior Kelly Johnstone scored a dozen, coming off four threes, Sharp-Moore had 14 points and was one assist away from a double-double, and Jalena Sanders contributed 18 points.

On Saturday the Ladies traveled to Tyler to take on the Lady Patriots. The Ladies smoothly sailed past the Patriots. The Ladies were on fire shooting 65.4% from the floor and 62.5% from behind the arc the first half and finished the game shooting 57.7% from the field and 47.1% from the three point line.

The Ladies held a strong intensity throughout the entire game and yet again had four of their five starters in double digits. Daniel dropped 14, while Sharp-Moore, who seemed unable to miss a shot, had 18. Johnstone also had 14 points on yet again four threes and a lay-up, and Sander dropped

Ladies and Gents dominate Trinity

Kate Rivers
Staff Writer

In their last travel meet before preparing for the Conference Championships in February, the Ladies and Gents swim team rounded out an impressive win against Trinity University.

This was the first time for the Centenary swim team to compete against Trinity without diving being included in the scoring, which made a substantial difference for the competition. In normal meets, Trinity brings roughly 45 divers making the scoring against these two teams far from equal. This meet was a great opportunity for the Ladies and Gents to truly show what they are capable of, which they did in great ways.

Starting the meet off well, the Ladies 200-yard medley relay of Lauren Lassiter, Brittany Wilkens, Hayley Schneider, and Allison Jones rallied an impressive win with the B-relay of Kate Rivers, Chelsea Russell, Julie Hughes, and Cassie Cloutet snagging third as well.

On the boys side, the team of Ross Olivier, Chris Kalmbach, Peter Henry, and Devon Ross swam to impressive victory as well, nudging out Trinity and their

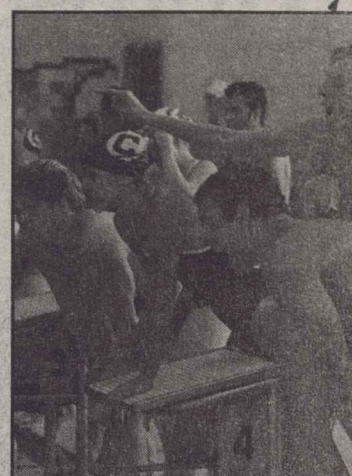
A-relay efforts.

Making up the most points for the day were the Ladies and Gents' individual races, highlighted by several first place swims. On the girl's side of the meet, Julie Hughes swam an impressive 200-yard butterfly to capture first place while Lauren Lassiter dominated the 200-yard backstroke.

Also capturing first in their races were Brittany Wilkens in the 200-yard breaststroke, Allison Jones in the 50-yard freestyle, and Laura Huning in the 100-yard freestyle. Rounding up the girl's side was the 400-yard freestyle relay of Allison Jones, Hayley Schneider, Kayla Thornhill, and Laura Huning who snagged an impressive first place finish to win the meet.

The meet's wins for the Gents side was led by a victory in the 200-yard backstroke, followed shortly by impressive races in the 50-yard freestyle, 100 breaststroke, and 200 Individual Medley all won by Austin Butler. The Gent's 500-yard freestyle, 100-yard butterfly and 200-yard breaststroke were also won by the Gents with gusto.

However, the real excitement for the meet took place during the Men's 400-

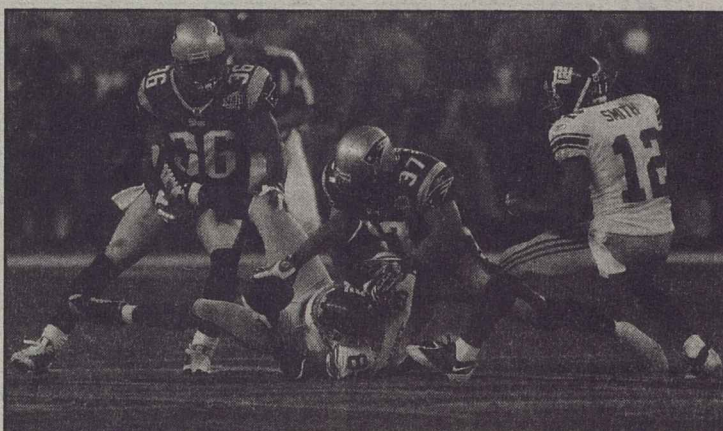


yard freestyle relay where the Centenary b-relay was able to out touch the men's a-relay in order to get an impressive 1-2 finish to win the meet.

Being their last travel meet before conference, this head-to-head competition against a rivalry school was an exciting event for the Centenary Ladies and Gents. Not only was it a sign that the swim team is physically ready for Conference in February but also showed that their competitive mentality was in the right place.

Although they have no more pre-conference travel meets, the Ladies and Gents Swim Team will be hosting one more home meet against Delta State to round out the season. This meet is also their Senior Meet, so come support your Ladies and Gents as they dominate the Delta State Fighting Okras!

Super Bowl XLVI Features NY Giants and NE Patriots



Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

The stage has been set for a 2008 Super Bowl rematch between the New York Giants and New England Patriots on February 5th in Indianapolis.

That game was won by the Giants, who were a Wild Card team, over the Patriots who were undefeated going into the final game of the year. It was certainly a game to remember with improbable plays that proved to be the difference in the end. Hopefully, this year will be just as exciting.

The Giants, who clinched the NFC East on the last game of the year over the Dallas Cowboys, continued their hot streak and knocked off the number two seed, the San Francisco 49ers.

The 49ers, coming off an impressive win against the New Orleans Saints, hoped to cool them off and be the team representing the NFC in the Super Bowl. It was

in a whopping 20 points from the post. The Ladies prevailed 77-62.

This helped the Ladies pick up their sixth win of the season, only four short of their goal. The Ladies are currently 6-12 on the season. They'll be back in

a back and forth game the entire night, with both teams exchanging leads several times.

With the game tied at 17, things would have to be decided in overtime. The 49ers made the Giants punt and had control of the ball and a chance to end it. As a result of a fumble in their own territory the 49ers gave the Giants a win. The final score was 20-17, as Giants kicker Lawrence Tynes kicked a 31 yard field goal to send the Giants back to the Superbowl in a very similar fashion as a few years ago.

Although they was a #4 seed and not a #6 seed, the Giants still had to win most of their playoff games on the road, including winning in Green Bay to knock off the #1 seed and in San Francisco, who was the #2 seed.

The AFC Championship game featured the top two teams in the AFC, the Patriots and Baltimore Ravens. This game was unique, because it

action this Thursday at home facing off against UT-Dallas and Saturday they play the Ozarks.

Thursday February 9th the Ladies will have a rematch against LeTourneau. This is their Think Pink game. That following Saturday the

was one of the top offenses going against one of the best defenses.

The Patriots and Ravens exchanged points throughout the first half, but a touchdown and turnover that turned into a field goal eventually put the Ravens up 20-16 midway through the 3rd quarter. The Patriots took the lead with about 5 minutes remaining in the game, but after the Pats forced an interception, the Ravens defense made an amazing play to intercept the ball right back in the end zone.

This not only kept the Patriots from going up two possessions, it gave the Ravens another chance to drive the ball. The Ravens did that too, and after the Patriots made spectacular plays in the red zone, it came down to Ravens kicker, Billy Cundiff, going for a 32-yard field goal to tie the game.

However, the kicker would botch the kick wide, and there would be no overtime as the Patriots won 23-20 to go back to the Super Bowl. They have wanted a rematch and the hype of this being a possibility only grew once it became a reality after this past weekend.

Super Bowl XLVI should be a game to remember and either team could win it, as both have been hot entering the playoffs and continued to do so throughout it.

Ladies play UT-Tyler again and it will be senior night. The Ladies will honor one senior, Megan Daniel. The Ladies would appreciate you coming out to support her as well as the rest of the team for these two special occasions.

EXTRAS

Horoscopes

Aries- The unexplainable heat wave during these winter months is quite annoying to you. It's annoying to me as well. It's hard to be clairvoyant when the weather is being less than reliable. The best advice for anyone is to be more like the weather.

Taurus- Be spontaneous. The people around you will appreciate how unpredictable you are being and will love this new you. You will love the new you too. Predictable is boring.

Gemini- Creativity will be very useful to you this week. Whether it's being used in an artistic way, or by coming up with new ways to tell a professor why you didn't do your homework, your creativity will always help.

Cancer—Slow and steady may win the race, but you always want to go fast. Go at the pace that best fits you while going through life.

Leo- Take time to lie outside in the grass and philosophize about life. You may make very interesting discoveries. Don't expect to figure out the meaning of life, because the secret of life is beyond anybody's control.

Virgo—Life is not as bad as you make it out to be. The fates see everything you post on Facebook and if you do not change your normally pessimistic attitude it and positive one, the fates will give you something to cry about.

Libra- Monkey see,

monkey do. Monkey sees somebody jump off a bridge. What does monkey do? **Scorpio**—Following your heart will get you far in life. Following your gut will get you to dinner. Your gut really only cares about getting full or making your clothing appear unflattering. Your heart does so much more for your body so you should put more trust in it.

Sagittarius- Be smart about how you spend your money. Spending money may seem fun at the time, but only purchases that you can validate should be occurring. Being cheap is not a bad thing.

Capricorn- It's time for a change in your life. Whether this change is for the best, or worst,

is completely up to you. It can be as simple as a new with your hair, or as major as ridding yourself from people who keep you down.

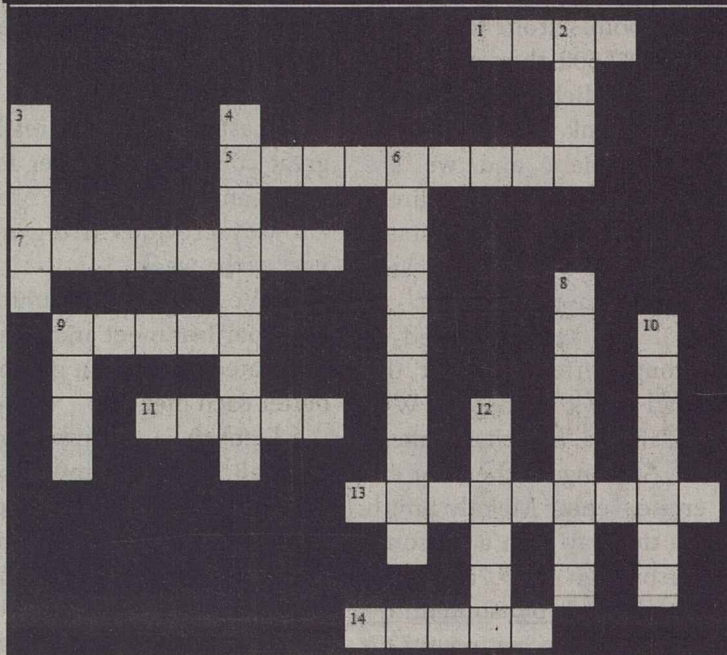
Aquarius- There is nothing better than the initial feeling of delight one gets from taking that first bite of a Little Debbie snack cakes. This would be true if Little Debbie wasn't actually Little Satan.

Pisces- Stop sending pointless text messages. Nobody writes letters anymore and you are just the person to revive that last art. People get texts and emails everyday and the thrill is gone. Imagine opening your mailbox and beneath the cobwebs lays a letter with your name on it, that isn't a bill.

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Crossword Slogans



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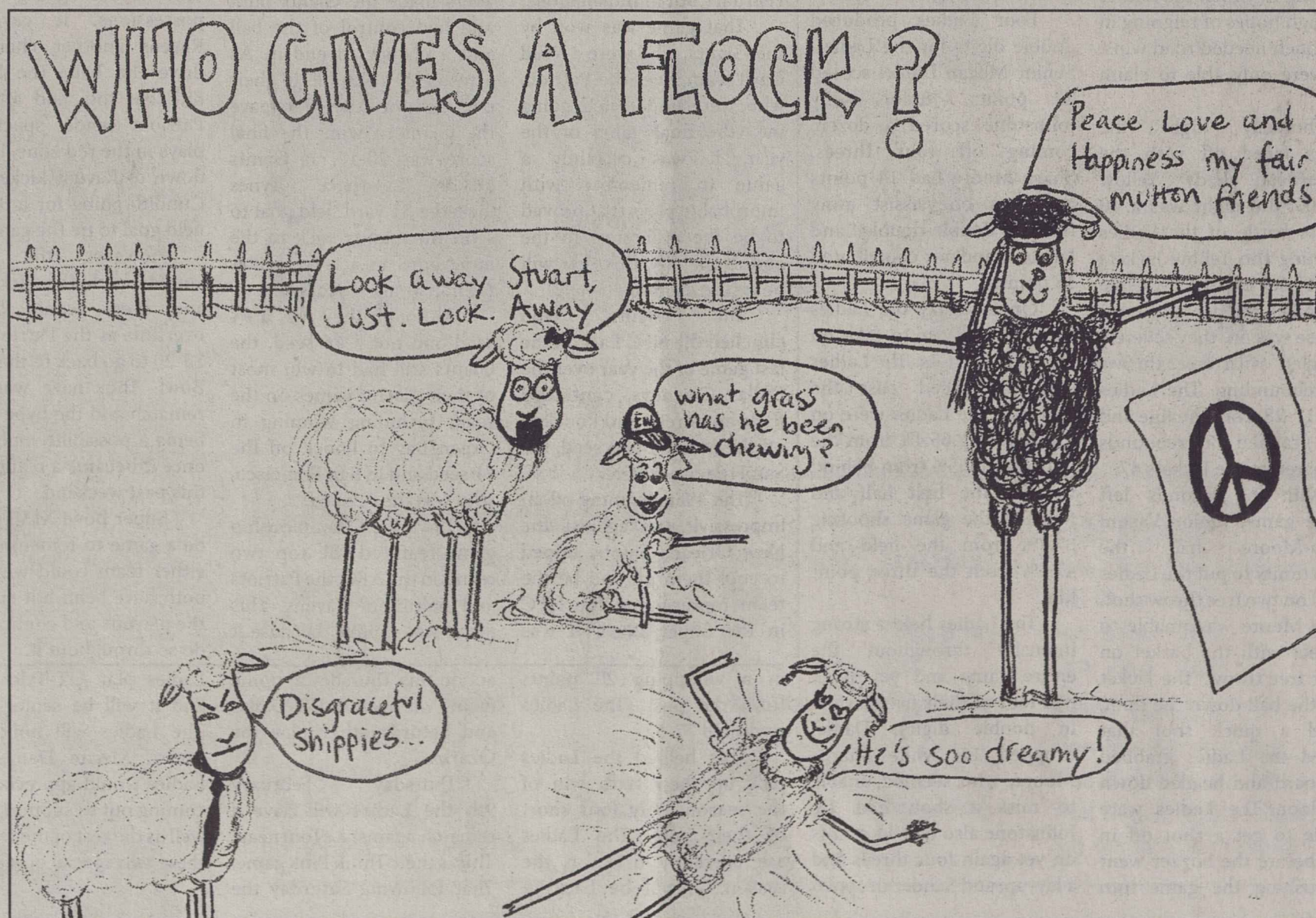
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5 M'm! M'm! Good!
7 The pause that refreshes.
9 Connecting people.
11 When it absolutely,
positively, has to be there
overnight.
13 It keeps going and going
and going.
14 It takes a licking and keeps
on ticking.

DOWN

- 2 Melts in your mouth, not
you hands.
- 3 So easy a caveman can do it.
- 4 You deserve a break today.
- 6 Have it your way.
- 8 Breakfast of Champions.
- 9 Just do it.
- 10 Good to the last drop.
- 12 Obey your thirst.

Who Gives a Flock of Sheep

by Hadley Million





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New "Fishbowl" for Student Resource Center



Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

Students venturing to the second floor of Magale Library the past week or so may have noticed something different by the restrooms and area that leads to individual study rooms. Recently added there in an effort to improve the study space is a nice glass wall divider that sections off that entire area.

Known as the Student Resource Center (SRC), this office provides students with good academic resources such as tutoring and time management.

The sectioned space is meant to help students have a collaborative space for working together and allowing for a variety of study options that no longer disturb the rest of the library. It also gives the Student Resource Center more of a presence on the floor.

The Student Resource Center is striving to be known more than just a tutoring area, even though that service is available and is very important. The SRC has designed this area to be more of a place of collaborating.

Contrary to popular belief, this space isn't intended to be a quiet space. This is meant to encourage groups, both study groups and group projects, to come to this space and be able to freely talk about the assignments they may be working on without disturbing the other students outside the glass trying to focus.

This isn't to say that students could get lucky at times and have the SRC when no one is there or people are working quietly and individually. However, the walls are designed to keep noise contained, so if a student within it has an issue with noise, they may go to the other part

of the library where those areas are designated quiet zones.

Looking toward the future, it looks like students could be getting some very useful resources from the SRC. Associate Dean of Students, Melva Williams, mentioned that they're "looking to be installing labs where students can practice presentations" for a class.

There are plans to be providing cameras for self-recording and analyzing how they look before doing it in front of a class. These labs could be set up where the study rooms are now. Another idea for this space could be providing dry erase markers and allowing students to do formulas on the glass windows of the walls, because only one dry erase board exists.

The goal for the Student Resource Center is to continue helping aid students the

best way possible. Williams wants "more opportunities for students to simulate real life through collaboration on projects." This new space being created is meant to encourage group presentation work, and the resources are gradually being introduced to make help that reality get reached.

If students ever need any help, they can go to the Student Resource Room on the second floor of the Library. The office of Kari Brownholland, Interim Director of the Academic Resource Center, is located in that area. Brownholland is always willing to help students with academic coaching, tutoring, and other resources to aid students.

The SRC is here to provide students with an ample amount of resources, and is hoping to build it into a resource students can call upon many times in a useful fashion in the future.

"Anonymous" Hacks Government and SOPA supporter

Adam Stephens
Staff Writer

The internet collective known as Anonymous has responded to the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) with one of their boldest moves yet. On January 19th, the group hacked into government-owned sites, shutting them down for a substantial amount of time. This attack was in direct retaliation of the government's shutdown of the popular file-sharing site Megaupload.

Among the targeted sites were those of the Justice Department and the FBI. Additionally, many supporters of SOPA had their sites temporarily disabled, including the Recording Industry of America (RIAA)

and the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA). Anonymous claims it to be "the single largest Internet attack in history."

Anonymous is a self-described "hacktivist" group, meaning its members hack various sites as a form of protest. The group has

no central leadership, and the number of members is unknown; it consists of various users of social networks who retain their anonymity in their online activities. As a result, it is very difficult for governments worldwide to contain their activities and any arrests

made do not significantly hurt the group's overall strength.

One member has claimed that the attack was due to poor timing on the government's part; Megaupload was shut down a few hours after the blackout on Tuesday, January 19th. see ANONYMOUS, page 8



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Letter from the Editor: Why I love Louisiana: reminiscing on some favorite qualities of this state

Ashley Lynch
Editor in Chief

I should preface this letter by stating that I've spent the past eighteen years in this state. Almost the entirety of my education took place here, and, yes, Louisiana studies was a required course for me. I can name parishes and popular government figures, distinguish "Cajuns" from "Creoles," and I know what a pirogue is.

I did, however, grow up in a very "northern" household. With a mother from New York, a father from Connecticut, and family that still live predominantly in the northeastern United States, I'm very much a transplant to this Southern culture who grew up in a little piece of the north that took up residence in South Bossier.

That being said, the place still has a big 'ol soft spot in my heart.

No, I don't eat spicy food. I have no shame in telling anyone who'll listen that my mother's idea of "spice" is adding black pepper and garlic powder to a dish. Hot sauce (which I'm told is 'not so hot'--speak for your own tongues, thanks!) is a form of torture, as far as I'm concerned. I've only recently begun adding Tony's to dishes I'm cooking, but I like to think that I'm fairly liberal with the amount I add.

No, I also don't eat very "Louisiana-esque" dishes--jambalaya, gumbo, and etouffe

aren't regular additions to my diet. This mostly has to do with the above point about spices, but also has a lot to do with what's in 'em. Sorry, folks; I'm not a "crawdad" kind of gal, and you won't ever convince me to eat boudin. I do, however, absolutely love Louisiana desserts. Pralines, king cake, and beignets? I'm all aboard.

But the culture here isn't just about food. Sure, I'm lacking in that department, but I can appreciate so many other qualities about this place.

As a state, Louisiana feels rich with individuality--in a Spanish moss on cypress trees, wrought iron architecture, and alligators roaming freely kind of way. It's voodoo, and superstitions, and jazz music. It's different accents, French influence, and the sound of zydeco. Swampy marshes and fields full of cotton and sugar cane. Mardi Gras--the best parades--and a culture rich with storytelling. It's its own little corner of the south, where fried food and "bless your hearts" mingle with the unusual additions.

My point? It's been great, Louisiana. I can't help but wonder where my next move is going to take me, but I'm already down on the thought that it will take me away from here--wherever I'm going is sure to remind me of what I miss about you from time to time; though, I still won't root for the Saints over the Giants.

Love KING CAKE?

it's our treat!

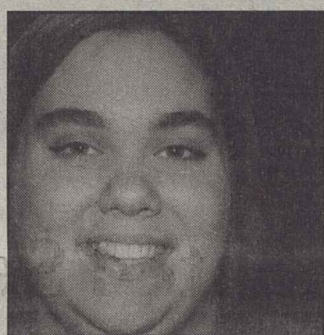
**King Cake Mixer
Wednesday, Feb 8th
8p @ SUB**

**Come eat free king cake and chat with us
about what being a Maroon Jacket is like!**

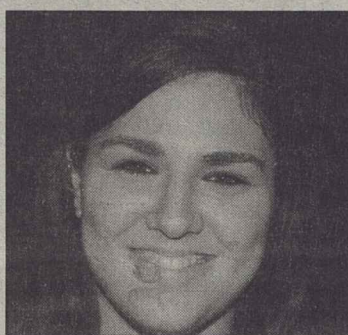
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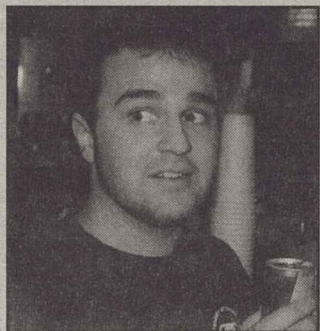
**What are your plans for
Mardi Gras Break?**



**Oklahoma for
ACTF**
Regina Price,
Freshman



**Might have my
wisdom teeth
removed.**
Haleigh Coffey,
Sophomore



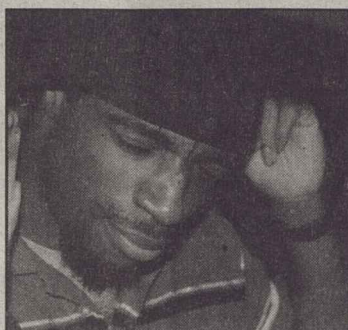
**Camping out in
New Orleans.**
Dillon Fontenot,
Freshman



**Baking myself into
a King Cake.**
Emilie Harmeyer,
Freshman



**Parades in New
Orleans**
Craneisha Nettles,
Junior



**Something Un-
Mardi Gras related.**
Tre Thomas, Senior

UPs & DOWNS

Free Food

So many events with free food lately! Healthy snacks, ice cream, and now king cake? Thanks, programmers!

School Spirit

We like spirit, yes we do! We like spirit, how 'bout YOU?

SGA Forum

Thanks for letting students speak up about changes they'd like to see happen!

Cline Hall

Sure the temperature outside is crazy, but why is Cline's AC JUST NOW working?

Messy Students

Pick up after yourselves! No one here is your momma.

Weather

...What month are we in, again? April?

Fitness Center Classes

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7:00 am	-	-	Yoga	-
7:15 am	-	Total Body	-	Total Body
11:15 am	-	ABS	-	ABS
Noon	Pilates	Yoga	Pilates	Yoga
4:35 pm	-	-	-	-
5:00 pm	-	-	Boot Camp	-
5:30 pm	-	Cycling	-	Turbo Kick
6:00 pm	Zumba-	Zumba-		

Fall Hours

Mon-Thu: 6am - 10pm
Fri: 6am - 6pm
Sat: Noon - 6pm
Sun: 2pm - 6pm

Pool Hours

Mon-Fri: 11am - 2pm
Mon Night: 8pm - 10pm
Wed Night: 6pm - 10pm
Sat & Sun: 2pm - 6pm

NEWS

K2 Popularity Gets “Spice”-y



Kayla Clemons
Staff Writer

The latest trend in designer drugs is a synthetic marijuana commonly called “K2” or “Spice.”

It is packaged and cheaply sold as an herbal incense under various brand names. When smoked, Spice mimics the effects of cannabis. It has become widely popular to drug users for its ease of purchase, marijuana-like high without the smell, and its supposed inability to be detected in a drug test.

What many student athletes and interns do not know is that the metabolites can actually be detected in urine drug tests. This is how top-ranked LSU football players Tyrann Mathieu, Tharold Simon, and Spencer Ware tested positive for synthetic marijuana in October 2011. They suffered the punishment that many other athletes fear: being suspended from the team.

While this incense is legal in Texas, it is illegal in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Missis-

sippi. Therefore, just because it may be purchased in Texas, it may not be carted back to Louisiana. In response to the DEA announcing this as a “drug of concern,” many more states have decided to ban the possession, selling, and consumption of this drug.

As for the health risks, the DEA has cited “...a surge in emergency-room visits and calls to poison-control centers. Adverse health effects associated with its use include seizures, hallucina-

tions, paranoid behavior, agitation, anxiety, nausea, vomiting, racing heartbeat, and elevated blood pressure.”

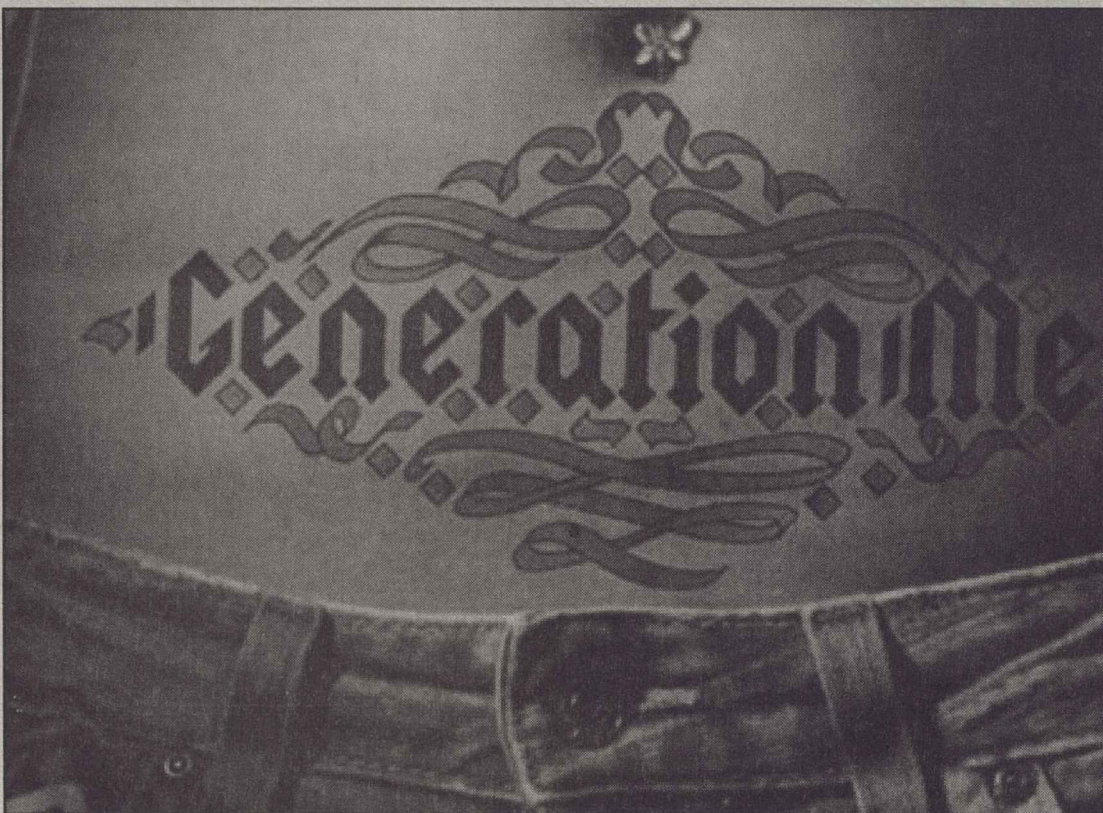
If a student is caught by DPS with K2, the incense will be confiscated and sent to a crime lab. If the lab determines the substance to be K2/Spice, the student will be arrested. If caught in possession by a police officer outside of Centenary, the possessor will be arrested immediately.

The 2010 Louisiana House Bill #173 Act no. 565

defines the penalty for possessing synthetic cannabinoids for a first time conviction being a “fine of not more than five hundred dollars, imprisonment in the parish jail for no more than six months, or both.”

For more questions on the legality, usage, or detecting K2/Spice, contact Centenary DPS officer Lieutenant Eddie Walker (ewalker@centenary.edu).

Generation Me: Fostering an Inflated Sense of Self



Erika Lunsford
Staff Writer

In recent years, there have been studies looking into the type of generation that is rising through the ranks. Decades ago, it was the baby boomers. After them, Generation X was at the forefront. So, what is the generation of today being called?

“Generation Me” was a term coined by Dr. Jean Twenge, Ph.D., in her 2006 book *Generation Me: Why Today's Young Americans Are More Confident, Assertive, Entitled- and More Miserable Than Ever Before*.

To be a part of Generation Me, you must have been born in the 1970s, 80s, or 90s. And according to Twenge, there are ten telling characteristics of Generation Me.

1. They are direct, open, and even guileless. This particular characteristic is all about

being true to oneself. Look at the reality TV show, *The Hills*. It's all about the stars of the show, and their personal business...well, it isn't personal.

And with social networking sites such as Twitter and Facebook, young adults and teens can broadcast every single move they make to total strangers.

2. They have an inflated self-esteem. Teachers don't correct mistakes made in the classroom. Programs and classes are geared toward building every student's self-esteem because it is important for kids to feel good about themselves.

But when they reach college or a career, reality brings their narcissism crashing

down when their mistakes are constantly under scrutiny.

1. They feel they are entitled to everything. This generation expects things to be

handed to them without question. When entering the work force, they want high-responsibility positions right away.

Unfortunately, young adults in this generation may not understand what working up the ranks means, or “paying their dues.”

2. They cannot tolerate criticism. This lack of tolerance has been fostered since birth, and they have always been told they can do no wrong. When they are criticized in school or at a job, they either break down or shut down.

It seems they could handle criticism with TV

personalities such as Simon Cowell, Tyra Banks, or Donald Trump always tearing the competition contestants apart.

3. They believe they can achieve any dream. Not to say this is a bad thing, but coupled with a sense of entitlement it may create a toxic combination. These young

adults expect to get the job of their dreams, but may not have the skillset to do the job well.

Sadly, because their mistakes and weaknesses were never pointed out, they didn't have the chance to correct or strengthen their shortcomings. This makes for many young adults that try to the reach for the stars and fall exceedingly short.

4. They shoot for higher education. Because of the demands of the economy and job market, higher education is almost a requirement now-a-days. Having a higher education, however, doesn't necessarily guarantee a job.

Also, higher education doesn't mean they will know what profession they want in the end. They can be what they want, but they may not know what they want.

5. They expect to have a high-paying, exciting job. They are prepared for the work force with higher education, but what prepares them emotionally? With the media portraying life in an unrealistic way, Generation Me is set up to fall.

The reality of it is, many jobs in the market now fall very short of their expectations.

6. Nothing is ever their fault. So many in this generation constantly find their shortcomings being blamed on their teachers, schools, environments, or even parents.

The force is always external, and these kids foster the “victim” mentality.

7. They find it hard to make a living. Economically, it's extremely difficult to find a good job that pays well. The cost of student loans, housing, and living has skyrocketed in the past few years, making it tough on those in the job market.

8. They think they can't change a thing. This comes coupled with a sense of cynicism that many things are beyond their control.

Why try for straight A's when you can't control the professor? Why work hard for that promotion when it's out of your control?

This list isn't complaints or criticisms of today's generation, but they try to explain why the young adults are the way they are. And, keep in mind, the baby boomers set a lot of events in motion by trying to “get parenting right.”

In essence, it is a multitude of things that created the perfect storm to produce Generation Me. This generation does, however, need to be aware of the realities of the world and not succumb to the pitfalls of an inflated ego so that their lives aren't as difficult or miserable.

NEWS

Student Resource Center



Subjects	Tutors	Day and Times
Accounting	Andrea Violet	Sunday 9-11pm Tuesday 9-10pm Thursday 9-10pm
Biology	Samantha Gray	Monday 2:15-4pm Wednesday 5-7pm
Location-Mickle Hall Student Room	Matthew Ursua	Sunday 5-6:30pm Tuesday 11-12pm Wednesday 7-9pm
	Charles Madden	Sunday 3-5pm Tuesday 11:30-12:30pm Wednesday 7-9pm
Economics	Todd Lafarlette	Monday 7-9pm Wednesday 7-9pm
Physics	Gerhard T. Funk	Thursday 7-10pm
Religious Studies	Lauren Rogers	Thursday 2-5pm
Sociology	Elizabeth Rosselli	Sunday 7-9pm Wednesday 7-9pm
Writing(English)	Corinne Cormier	Sunday 9-10pm Monday 3-5pm
	Mary Guerrant	Wednesday 8-11pm
	Wilborn Nobles	Tuesday 10-11pm Thursday 7-9pm

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Career Services Early Spring Events

Date/Time	Event
January 18th 10:00am-3:30pm	In the Career Services Center there will be an info session with the Dalton Group. During this session they will also be holding interviews for internship positions.
February 28th 6:00pm-8:00pm	In a location to be announced, there will be an Alumni-Student mixer for Business Majors. Juniors and Seniors will have the opportunity to meet and network with area alumni in the business world!
March 7th 7:00pm-8:30pm	In the Kilpatrick Auditorium, there will be a fashion show held in conjunction with the "College Lifestyles" website. The show will focus on "interview fashion." Come and learn about what not to wear!
March 12th Mickle 114	During the CA 253 Career Strategies class, there will be a panel of 4-5 alumni in various career fields present to speak to students. This Career Symposium will allow students to network, ask questions, and get ideas about what is available for them as Centenary graduates. This is open to all students on campus!
March 14th 5:30pm-8:00pm	To kick off this event, there will be a Mocktail Reception held in the Anderson Atrium at 5:30. Following mocktails, there will be an Etiquette Dinner held in the Whitford room at 6:30. RSVP is required so be watching for more information!
March 19th Mickle 114	During the CA253 Career Strategies class, there will be a CAREERlink/ LinkedIn information session. This is open to all students to come and learn more about how CAREERlink and LinkedIn can help them find jobs, internships, and connections!

If you have any questions about the events listed above, please don't hesitate to contact Lisa Rauschenbach via email at lrauschenbach@centenary.edu or at 869.5746.

There is ONE spot open for the Bahamas mission trip!

Don't miss out! We will be going to the Island of Eluthera during the week of Mardi Gras Break, February 19-25th.

Cost is \$1680

To sign up, email Laura Vaughan (lvaughan@centenary.edu) or stop by her office (SUB 07) down by the mailboxes!

International Spotlight: Victoire Decrême

Kayla Clemons
Staff Writer

Where are you from?

Lille, France

Age? 23

Major? English, as in British and American Literature and History

Why did you decide to come to America?

I wanted to see how things were on the other side of the ocean.

Where would you like to live other than France?

I want to see as many places as possible, Canada, Australia, Bora-Bora, Kenya, Morocco, New Caledonia, Russia. I don't think I'd like to settle anywhere but maybe in the South of France... Someday.

What do you like to do for fun?

I like spending time with my friends in France, they're my second family. They know me, and I know them by heart. We always have something to tell or to share. I also like watching movies, but I made an habit of falling asleep in front of them. So if you ask me if I saw this or that movie I'll probably say yes, but don't ask me about the end! I also draw. I'm too

lazy to keep a diary, so I usually draw what happens in my life.

What if your favorite thing, so far, about Shreveport?

My favorite thing here in Shreveport is how everyone is. They are so nice and attentive. It's very different from where I live, where people are usually cold or rude.

Least favorite thing about Shreveport?

I'm afraid most of the food I've had until now might be the worst thing on the planet after famine and plague! Just kidding, I'm over-reacting. But I have to say that the cultural shock I had was in the food. Although, I think I could feed myself exclusively with those chocolate cakes in the caf.

What is the dumbest thing people ask or say to you here?

"You can't smoke on the porch..." I mean, I'm OUTSIDE. It's just something I don't get. I don't question it, but it's just one rule I don't get. And also, I don't really think it's dumb, it's just a reflex everyone has, not just Americans. When I

say I'm from France, people usually say "Oh from Paris?" Now I know my country is the size of one state here, but it's still bigger than just one city!

What is the hardest thing about being away from home?

I don't know. I really like it here, and I know that it is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I think four months away from home is not long enough to make it hard on me. I miss my friends, but I also have awesome friends here. :)

Favorite movies or music?

I don't have a favorite band. I like music in general, and I like discovering new bands or types of music. I like electro, rock, hip hop, hard rock, pop. I'm not a fan of classical music, or country music. And movies? I like historical and biographical movies, espionage, comedies, adventures.

Fun fact:

I'm SO scared of horror movies. I hate them, but I think I've seen most of them! My sister made me watch dozens of horror movies every Halloween.



Focus Groups meet to discuss developing leaders



Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

Centenary College has a very important objective for developing students into leaders "equipped to address the challenges of the 21st Century."

The college is making an effort to accelerate the development of its students

into these types of leaders. To do that, the College has asked two important questions: "What are the traits that an ideal Centenary leader, equipped to address the challenges of the 21st century, must possess?" and "What are experiences we can create and deliver here at Centenary that would help students develop those traits (skills, behaviors, or values)?"

Part of the effort in answering this question was inviting two small groups of Centenary students who have been involved in different aspects of Centenary and are the kinds of leaders Centenary is trying to develop.

There were two focus groups that were composed of eight students each. Betsy Eaves, Vice-President of Student Development, and

her assistant Laura Vaughan were included in the meetings. Brandon Smith, with Core Group Partners, was facilitating the discussion, which focused on intentionally developing student leaders at Centenary.

Each student was given a sheet of paper that had about 15 skills that are related to possibly being a good student leader. Some these included;

"Self-development, presentation skills, priority setting, conflict management, compassion, planning, self-knowledge, listening, and personal learning."

Students in the panel went around individually and responded on the form whether the characteristic was an "internal skill" they had prior to Centenary, a "learned skill" acquired from Centenary, or "N/A" and gave a few specific examples out loud.

After they finished, Smith wrote some topics on a board that covered feedback from faculty. Students were able to share their opinions on what they thought had worked in the past and what should or should not be considered moving forward.

Overall, these sessions help Centenary gain a better idea moving forward about developing student leaders that fit the objective mold of being "equipped to address the challenges of the 21st century."

NEWS

VOX/Planned Parenthood are proud to present... more condoms!



Cara Lavendar
Copy Editor

There is light at the end of the unprotected tunnel!

About one month ago, VOX completed an online application at amplifyyourvoice.org. This application was for their annual program, "Great American Condom Campaign." GACC is a youth-led movement that gives away one million Trojan condoms per year to college campuses from all over the United States.

After waiting anxiously

for a reply from GACC, VOX was contacted as a winner! This means that 500 condoms have been shipped to VOX. Centenary now has 500 condoms to distribute on campus. This is great news for the sexual safety of our campus!

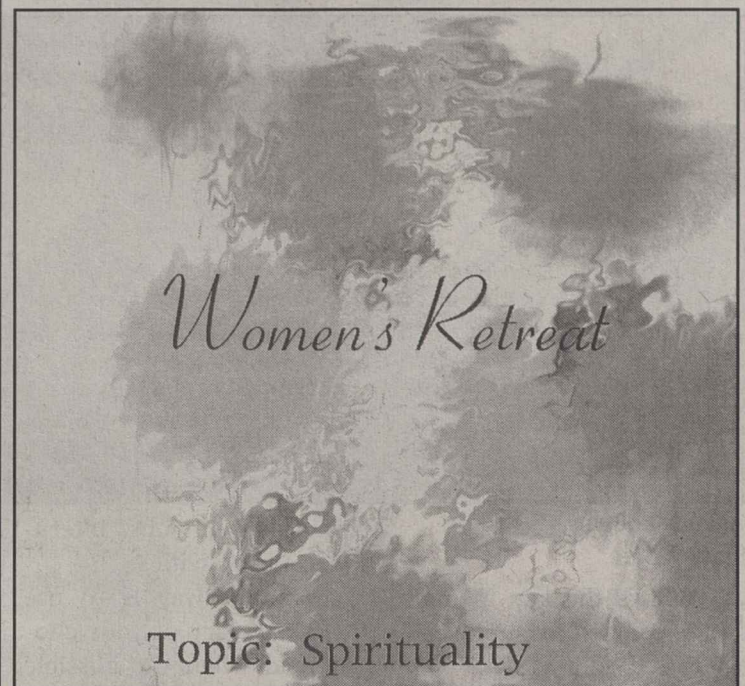
Centenary's VOX-Planned Parenthood is now listed on the "Amplify Your Voice" website as a "SafeSite." This means that not only were we granted 500 free condoms, but we are known as a college campus that is actively pushing the importance and education of safe

sex.

We are extremely excited to have received this much needed donation, and cannot wait to spread the love all over campus. Be on the lookout for condom boxes showing up in residence halls and other places. Love yourself, love your partner, love your community.

If anyone has any suggestions as to what may be a successful way to distribute condoms on campus, or has any questions about this program, contact Cara Lavender at clavender@my.centenary.edu

Women's Retreat provides female students opportunity to "strengthen personal faith"



Julia Puac
Web Manager

This past weekend, January 20-22, 18 young women gathered at Camp Bethany to take on a spiritual, almost sisterly journey and retreat away from the world, to strengthen their personal faith.

Through worship, morning watches, and discussion topics lead by Chaplain Betsy Eaves, Laura Vaughan, junior Krista McKinney, sophomore Amanda Price, freshman Regina Price, junior Lindsey Sconce and many others, the girls were able to pull together people that do not usually come into contact with each other on a day-to-day basis.

"This is just what we needed," said Regina Price during the retreat, after having experienced time to bond with the other girls, craft, and just enjoy moments of silence and pulling away from the extreme stresses of college.

While at the retreat, the

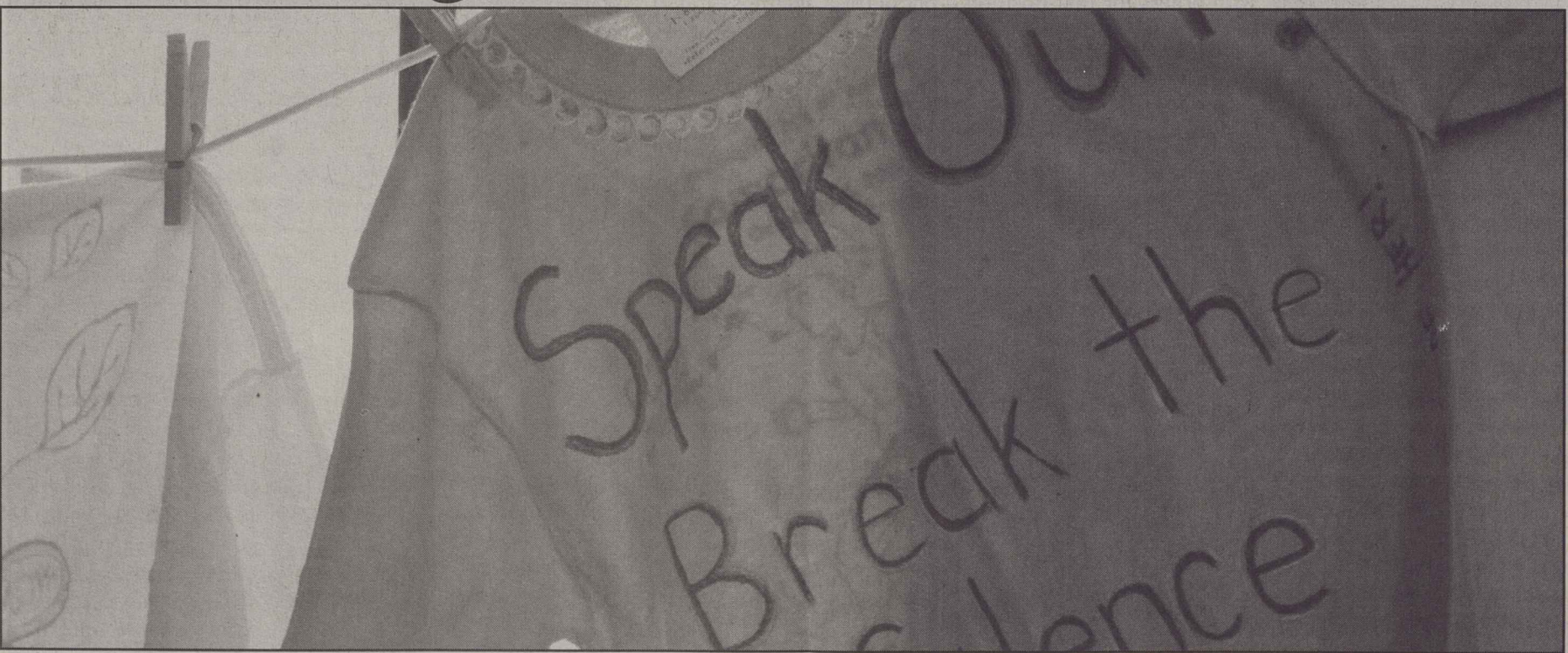
girls learned more about their spiritual types and their spiritual gifts.

Spiritual types are determined by a self-assessment test result that tells a person what type of worship, or way of providing the word of God they possess. Their spiritual gifts came in several forms. This test also indicated what characteristics are more predominant in each girl.

These self-assessment tests brought tears, laughter, and valuable experiences and stories with each girl about their spiritual journeys that developed their faith. The girls were also able to share stories about the women that were their role models in their lives, whether it was during the season, or over their lifetime.

With s'mores, tears, laughter, crafts, birthday celebrations, worship, lectures, communion, and some homework, each girl was able to take a little something out of this retreat.

"Breaking the Silence" a success



Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

Last Wednesday night, the Smith Building was host to an emotional yet powerful gathering to discuss everyday issues with domestic violence.

Centenary's own Chelsi Hefner, member of S.A.I.L., took the extra step to help bring awareness to a sometimes awkward subject.

"I could take my most painful memories and turn them around into a blessing in someone else's life," said Hefner.

S.A.I.L.'s mission is to inspire a culture of care on Centenary's campus by engaging students, faculty, and staff in the world's social needs through education and action.

Also assisting in the seminar was student Krista McKinney, who created an inspirational video to start off the program. This video included administrators, students, and everyday people who looked in a mirror and asked the questions, "What do you see? What does society see? What do you want people to see and know about you?"

This question allowed everyone to reflect on themselves and the questions at hand. Then Hefner shared her mother's prevailing story concerning domestic violence. Everyone in attendance was impacted by her story of being able to leave the awful situation and move on to better things.

After the sharing of the story, a video from the Penn State domestic violence awareness group made another impression of how terrible domestic violence can be.

This video was a true life

situation of a young woman not able to get out of a domestic violence situation and eventually being killed by her partner. Unfortunately, this is the world we live in where domestic violence is such an issue. However, through friendship and support, domestic violence can be defeated.

To finish up the seminar, a panel of well educated women who understand the issues of domestic violence answered questions from the audience.

Hefner's mother, Tammy Littleton; Director of Coun-

seling and Disability Services, Tina Feldt; DPS Officer, Heather Boucher; and representatives from the Providence House gave a well rounded understanding of domestic violence. These women gave advice when dealing with a potential abuser or a violent partner.

Overall, the Breaking the Silence seminar was beneficial for those who attended. I personally hope this event comes back to Centenary to enlighten more students about such a serious issue in today's society.

NEWS

Career Corner: From Student to Professional



Chaeli Faught
Staff Writer

What's the key to marketing yourself to employers? You need to translate your college activities and experiences into the skills and attributes employers look for in potential employees.

Before beginning the process of writing your résumé or start your job search, you need to fully evaluate the meaning of your activities and experiences. How you portray your experiences on your résumé and in the interview will either make or break your chances.

One way to portray your experiences is to acknowledge the fact that your experience counts. You're not exaggerating or bragging if you accurately and positively interpret what you have ac-

complished in jobs, internships, and activities.

Another way is to use the vocabulary of your chosen field whenever possible on your résumé and in the interview. Every occupation has their own set of words to describe tasks and activities. Many organizations will select résumés for review on the basis of a search for specific words and phrases.

Showcase your skills and talents with a portfolio. Assemble documents that demonstrate the "hard" skills relevant to your career choice, as well as the "soft" skills that employers seek in potential employees: writing, coordinating, analyzing, budgeting, designing, computer skills, teaching, marketing, and troubleshooting.

Have your portfolio at

your side during the interview so that you can bolster your points with visual evidence. Success with past projects is seen as a predictor of future success.

Without exaggerating, bragging, or stretching the truth, you can interpret your experiences to reveal a closer match of your skills, abilities, and attributes to the requirements of a particular job or career field. Don't just tell other people the facts; interpret the facts for them with compelling language and visual aids.

Employers can only consider and appreciate what you reveal to them.

"From Student to Professional," by Marianne E. Green. Job Choices 2012

Meet Jessica Hawkins: New Communication Professor



Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

Professor Jessica Hawkins began teaching Communication classes at Centenary this past fall, with a focus on New Media design classes.

Professor Hawkins obtained her Bachelor of Science at Harding University in Interactive Media and her Master of Fine Arts at Louisiana Tech University in Communication Design.

She returned to Shreveport to teach at Centenary after residing here for 7 years, and wanted to work at Centenary for several reasons. Some of these reasons

include the fact that "Centenary's reputation has preceded it," as well as that "students are known as intelligent and service-oriented...the school puts learning into action."

Her goals are to give students practical scenarios that can build a solid portfolio. She knows that "students want to feel they can compete with others for that position or get into grad school."

A strong portfolio at Centenary can get the job done, and Professor Hawkins has professional experience to help add to classes and student opportunities in the program.

Besides teaching, she also has a creative agency business called "BlueJay" in town, which creates a wide range of different designs for a persons' story. Based on her background and what she's teaching, her strengths are bringing a design-oriented approach to New Media here at Centenary.

In less than a year, Professor Hawkins has already made an impact within the

program with local projects and future projects being planned.

Hawkins's favorite memory of this first year is when one of her classes was installing the public art piece entitled "Waste Less Grow More," located in downtown Shreveport. Students in the class designed these works out of trash and moss graffiti.

She is also one of the professors involved with Node, a new Living Learning Community that will focus on using technology, design, and media for social change. Node will be implemented in the fall of 2012.

Professor Hawkins's favorite thing about teaching is the students.

"Students make me want to keep learning," she said. For her, it is about "teaching something to people where the material is new everyday."

Her advice for any student would be, "find what you love to do and then figure out how you can help others with it."

The Steps to Enlightenment: Embracing Your Own Hypocrisy

Karley Aiken
A&E Editor

"It's not about self-improvement. It's all in the experience."

Benjamin Riggs, leader of the Refuge Meditation Group and of the informal Spiritual Awakening group, opens our meeting with powerful words. This past week he gave the group our first practice: to write down both positive and negative qualities about ourselves and then, throughout our week, write down examples of how we enact the opposite qualities.

When asked to speak about what we got from the exercise, I clearly stated that I didn't really like it. To be honest, I just don't like having to sit down with myself and write down my positive and negative qualities—because it makes me feel as though I need to evaluate what kind of person I am.

How I act, how I should act, how I'm supposed to act, how I think society wants me to act. It wasn't an enjoyable exercise for me. But as Ben explained, I realized that the practice is extremely helpful in ways I hadn't even thought about.

The practice wasn't about laying ourselves out on paper and discerning whether we are good or bad people. It's more about looking at ourselves and seeing that we are — not how we are, but just simply that we are.

So, I am not good or bad necessarily. I just am.

These next two weeks

our practice is to catch ourselves in the act of conflict—and just sit there. Well, not literally sit there. But for the next two weeks, my challenge is to recognize when I feel physical, mental, and emotional tension, acknowledge it, focus in on it, and just stay there feeling it.

Combining this with a daily lying down meditation practice is meant to enable me to not suppress my feelings or my human instincts. However, it helps me to practice recognizing and actively accepting my own humanity.

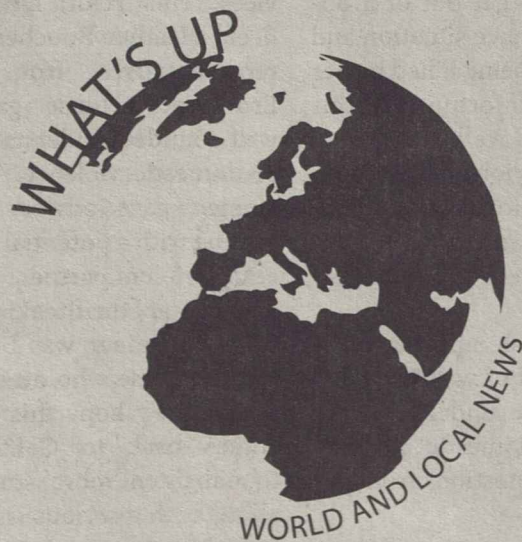
Feelings and emotions such as pain, jealousy, anger — these aren't things that we have to hide. This practice is about embracing your own hypocrisy.

We are taught to value the principles that our society teaches us. We are told to suppress "negative" emotions such as anger and jealousy, or pretend that we don't have them at all. We are made to apologize for feeling things that are natural. And it's a given that there is absolutely nothing about hypocrisy that is advertised.

But if we are suppressing feelings that are at the root of tense situations, the best step towards channeling that into a powerful experience is to just sit there and experience it.

Hypocrisy, though tsk tsked, is still truth.

For this week, I want to pose this question to you all: If our emotions could talk, what would they say?



Afghanistan

The United States and NATO will end their combat mission in Afghanistan next year, transitioning primarily to a training role in which Afghan security forces will take the lead.



Soccer Riot

At least 73 people were killed when fans rushed the field and rioted after a soccer game in Egypt on Wednesday.



Julian Assange

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, under house arrest in Britain for more than a year, appeared at the UK Supreme Court on Wednesday to fight his extradition to Sweden.



Shafia Family

Three members of an Afghan immigrant family, who were found guilty of murder intend to appeal their convictions.

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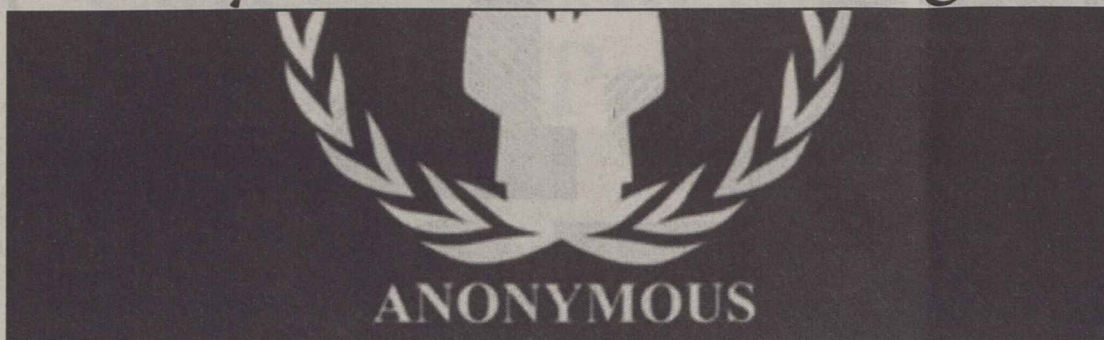
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18, ended. The blackout was part of a massive protest movement against SOPA, which would give the government and copyright holders new powers to police copyright violations. Ironically, all of these events came after the government's decision to shelve SOPA for the time being.

The type of hacking done was a Distributed Denial of Service attack (DDoS); simply put, multiple hackers prevented access of those particular sites. This attack used a special kind of hacking method that

included the participation of Twitter and chat room users who clicked on certain links, some without knowing what they were doing.

Anonymous has threatened that if the government and the entertainment industry continues to pursue SOPA (as well as its sibling, the Protect IP Act, or PIPA), such attacks will happen again, only with increasing intensity.

Anonymous first formed in 2003 in an Internet chat channel, but it wasn't until 2008 that they started participating in "hacktivism."

While sometimes their actions have been geared towards the public good, such as their shutting down of the child porn site Lolita City, other actions have been less noble, such as their 2010 attacks against corporations that opposed Wikileaks, the site for whistle-blowers to reveal corrupt government activities.

No arrests for the recent attacks have been made as of yet.

Proceedings for SOPA have been postponed indefinitely, until a consensus can be found.

"A Steady Rain:" More Drizzle than Drama



Erika Lunsford
Staff Writer

"A Steady Rain" came to Marjorie Lyons Playhouse this weekend, and it promised a drama-filled, interesting story. The story follows two Chicago cops, Joey and Denny, who have been friends since "kinnygarten."

This dialogue tells the snowballing tale of these Chicago cops whose lifelong friendship is put to the test after several life-changing events take place and the pursuit of justice becomes harrowingly personal.

During this drama, it seems Keith Huff allows his plot to take backseat to the characters themselves.

Denny, played by junior Josh Rabalais, is a beat cop with a filthy, politically incorrect mouth and an overwhelming desire to protect who and whatever belongs to him, including his wife, his kids, his dog, and even his big-screen TV. He's an Italian American family man with a macho streak as big as ten football fields.

Junior BJ Acosta played Denny's opposite, Joey. Joey carries about him an apologetic demeanor that is the antithesis of his partner. He is a childhood friend and affectionate punching bag. As an Irish American loner, Joey tries to keep the bottle out of his hands while keeping his partner toeing the line.

As the play progresses, the audience learns about a drive-by shooting that nearly kills Denny's son, Denny's affair with Rhonda

the prostitute, Joey's affection for Denny's wife, and Denny's constant struggle with a lowlife pimp Walter Lorenz (with whom Denny has a personal beef).

Both Joey and Denny are constantly being passed over for promotions because of the "apparent injustice of the unstated quota system."

The two seem like a perfect team to better the other. "Hey, you got a problem with the bottle, I got a problem with my mouth," Denny tells Joey at one point in the play. "We're helping each other out."

Unfortunately, throughout the play, Denny continues to drag Joey into increasingly grave situations as he habitually holds himself above the law in his pursuit of Walter Lorenz. The audience was sure to sense Rabalais' command as he moved about the stage.

And the more Acosta's Joey shrinks, he seems to conceal valuable qualities his partner conspicuously lacks. Constantly in the shadow of Denny, Joey's character seems to grow with each hitch in Huff's short but overstuffed narrative.

The play reaches its climax when Denny and Joey answer a domestic disturbance call in which they inadvertently return a terrified, naked, teenage Vietnamese boy back to a man who claims to be his uncle.

Little do they know that this strange man happens to be a cannibalistic serial killer (somewhat likened to Jeffrey Dahmer) who

ends up killing the boy.

It's at this very moment that things begin to spiral out of control for these two beat cops, and their very friendship is pushed to the limits.

Under the direction of Emily Heugatter, Acosta and Rabalais earned their adulation for their portrayal of these street cops. They magnified what was most gripping about the play even when it becomes considerably less believable over time.

And the authenticity of the characters Acosta and Rabalais played was slipped on like a second-skin that had always existed. The accents were also spot-on, although they did grow shaky at some points during the play.

As for the piece itself, it depicts gritty inner-city streets, wayward working stiffs, and a verbose direct-address style. There are enough twists and turns in the plot to fill an entire season of Law and Order, and Huff guides his drama toward conventional crime-drama melodramatics.

This particular production sported nothing more than a couple of chairs, a table, and interrogation room lighting, which allowed Acosta and Rabalais to drive the piece on its own. The scenic, costume, and lighting designers should be praised for their wisdom of "less is more."

But as a drama, "A Steady Rain" promised hurricane force and merely delivered a drizzle.

KSCL is Kickstarting it up!

Cara Lavender
Copy Editor

For quite some time, KSCL 91.3 FM Centenary College Radio has been discussing a great need for more shirts. This has been an issue in the past due to lack of funding availability for T-shirts. After many meetings, the KSCL staff has come up with a hopeful solution!

Kickstarter.com is a website where people can apply to have a project put up for the entire world to see in the hopes of raising money for their cause. Browsing through Kickstarter, one can find artists, directors, musicians, dancers, and many others of the creative kind asking for donations. The "kicker" is that if a project does not raise the intended amount of money in the time allotted by Kickstarter, no money changes hands whatsoever.

The way this works is when a person donates to a cause, the money does not automatically get withdrawn from their account, but is held until the designated time for that project has expired. At this time the money is then taken from the account. This is to ensure that those who donate are not losing their money if the project does not reach its goal.

Another aspect of Kickstarter.com is that it requires every project to have a list of rewards that it is promised to those who donate based on the amount given.

KSCL is using Kickstarter.com to raise \$500. This money will be used to purchase a screen-printing machine and the raw materials necessary to make their own T-shirts. Marquette LaForest, KSCL Station Manager, stated, "The purchase of screen-printing equipment will not only provide T-shirts for the present but for years down the line." The idea of KSCL making their own T-shirts is extremely telling of how things are run at this homegrown station. John Walsh, KSCL Music Director, says, "The station is largely a labor of love for us, and in keeping with that ideology we are wanting to create, with our very own hands, silkscreened products to both promote our stations and clothe your upper body."

Rewards offered to those who donate include thank-you cards, patches, T-shirts, compilation CDs, and posters. KSCL really hopes that those who are able will donate whatever they can to help them in the securing screen-printing equipment. To view the project in more detail, visit Kickstarter.com and search for KSCL. There you will find more detailed information about the project, view a humorous video about KSCL's plight, and donate.

If you have any questions or want to make a cash donation, contact Marquette LaForest at mlafores@my.centenary.edu.

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KCSL TOP 20 Albums

1. Buxton-Nothing Here Seems Strange
2. The Rapture-In The Grace of Your Love
3. High Hights-High Hights
4. Foxy Shazam-The Church of Rock and Roll
5. O' Brother-Garden Window
6. Re:Generation-Re:Generation
7. Rodrigo Y Gabriela and C.U.B.A.-Area 52
8. Ben Kweller-Go Fly A Kite
9. Nada Surf-The Stars are Indifferent to Astronomy
10. Sharon Van Etten-Tramp
11. AIR-Le Voyage Dans La Lune
12. Cloud Nothings-Attack on Memory
13. melleefresh vs. deadmau5-at play
14. Dirty Ghosts-Metal Moon
15. Right The Stars-HELLOYESOK
16. M83-Hurry Up, We're Dreaming
17. Shearwater-Animal Joy
18. The Knocks-Magic
19. Claps-Wreck
20. Youth Lagoon-Youth Lagoon



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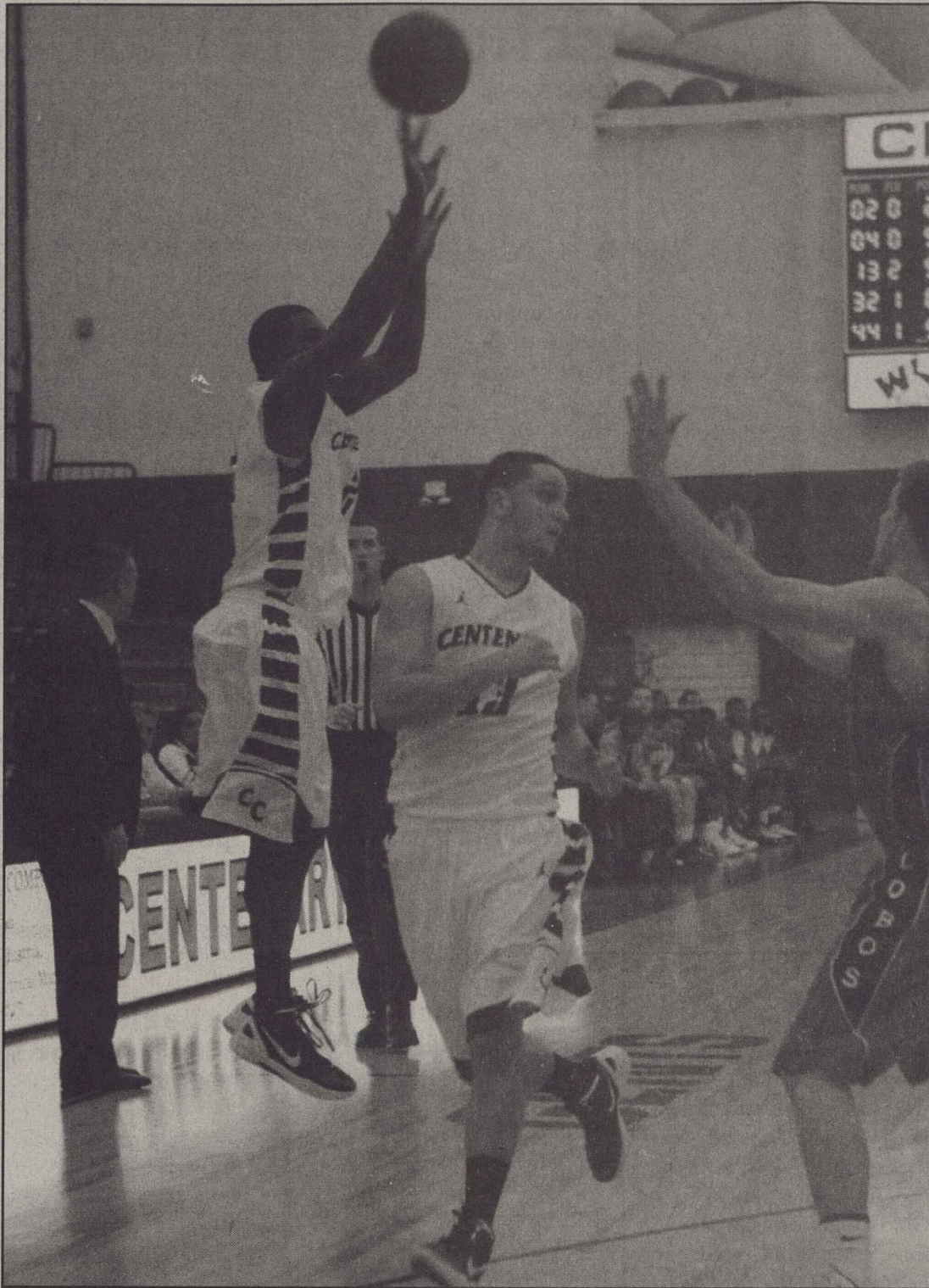
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Chronicle
The Woman in Black
The Grey
Man on a Ledge
One for the Money
Underworld Awakening: An IMAX 3D Experience
Underworld Awakening
Red Tails
Beauty and the Beast 3D
Contraband
Joyful Noise
Extremely Loud and Extremely Close
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked
The Descendants

Now Playing and Coming Soon at The Robinson Film Center:

Groundhog Day
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy

SPORTS

Streak ends, new one begins



Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

The Gents traveled back to their home court on Thursday to face the University of Dallas Comets, hoping to continue their winning streak. The Comets were ranked second in the conference and came in with high expectations to stop the rolling Gents.

The Gents came out matching the intensity of the Comets in the first few minutes with great point guard plays by Isaiah Whitaker and Maxx Nakwaasah. However, as the game moved along, UTD's offense was too much to match.

The Comets came out strong, shooting really well from the field and three-point range. Chris Barnes and Greg Chiasson led the

Comets to a 50% shooting from the field in the first half.

It was bad news for the home team when they were not feeling their stroke. The Comets went on an early run to put the gents down by 15 points with 8:45 left in the first half.

Nakwaasah and Blount were able to put back-to-back layups in for the Gents, but the Comets answered right back hitting seven straight

points to go into the half with a (47-27) point lead. Coming out of the half, the Comets went on a (13-6) run putting the Gents into a deeper hole.

With about eleven minutes left, the Gents were able to surge back to pull in 12 points. The Comets always had an answer with knocking down clutch three-pointers to quiet the Gents run.

The final score was (82-58) but the score does not reflect the game. The Gents had few turnovers, many rebounds, and played a hard game. The game was decided by shooting and the Gents were not able to match the Comets 58% shooting. The Gents only made three three-pointers in the match, making the comeback very hard.

"I want to give credit to UT-Dallas. They run a similar offense as us and they are a great example of what we want our team to become in the next year or so," said Head Basketball Coach Adam Walsh. "Our streak was snapped, but we plan on bouncing back and finishing this season out strong."

The Gents were led in scoring by sophomore Jonathan Blount with 14 points and Nakwaasah only playing 23 minutes with 13.

Bouncing back is exactly what the young Gents team did against the Ozarks this past Saturday. Nakwaasah, having a quiet game against the Comets, wanted to put their record to (9-8) for the season.

Coming out slow in the first half, the Gents had the home crowd worried. The Ozarks were having their way, putting up a fifteen point lead within the first seven minutes of the game. Coach Walsh substituted his men early and often to try and find a rhythm for the

game.

Two men who have rhythm (Maxx Nakwaasah and Jonathan Blount) put the team on its back and shot the lights out to bring the Gents on a 13-4 run to close the first half. Blount making three pointers and Nakwaasah taking the ball to the basket put the score (32-34) advantage Ozarks.

The second half was all Gents, carrying the first half momentum and pulling away from the Ozarks.

Something the stat sheet does not show is the hustle and great ball playing from the team. Caden Cheramie, Saro Ntagha, Whitaker, and Jacolby Crawford played incredible defense against the Ozarks to set up easy baskets in transition.

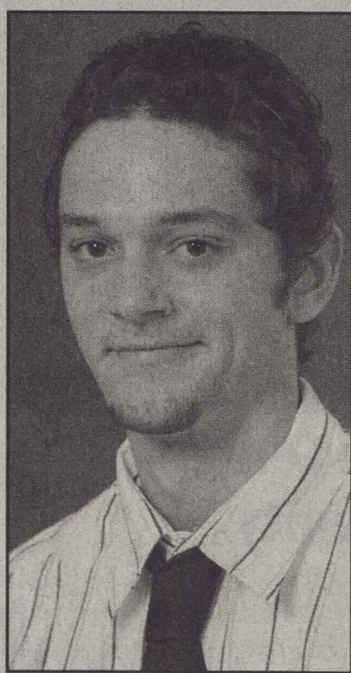
Also, Matt Nichenko played well against the Ozarks' star player in the second half. Marcus Bobb of the Ozarks had the leading scorer title for this match up with 29 points, but Nichenko used his size to disrupt the big man late in the second half.

Brandon Center, Jairus Browning, Blount, Crawford, and Nakwaasah lit up the scoreboard with three pointers in the game. The Gents continued to pull away, and eventually took the win (80-65). The Gents put up 48 points during the second half.

Blount and Nakwaasah put up over twenty points yet again for the Gents. Ntagha embarrassed many of the Ozarks with two big blocks, and "stealing" the show was Whitaker with five steals.

The Gents put themselves at (9-8) for the season and plan on starting another winning streak to finish the season out strong.

Athlete of the Week: Jairus Browning



Steven Finley
Sports Editor

Name: Jairus Browning-
Sport: Basketball
Classification: Sophomore
Position: Point Guard
Hometown: Palm Beach, FL
Major: English
Favorite Color: Black
Favorite Sports Team: Miami Heat
Favorite Restaurant: Firehouse Subs
Favorite Musical Artist: Big Sean
Favorite TV Show: Chappelle's Show
Favorite Movie: Boondock Saints

Hobbies: Going to the beach, video games, and gambling
What do you plan on doing after graduation: Continue my education, hopefully in Florida

People you look up to: My father and grandfather

When did you start playing or getting involved in your sport and why: 4, my older sister played basketball

What goes through your head as you prepare for every game: I hope I didn't forget my shoes for the third time this year.

What is your most memorable moment in your career: Winning multiple state championships with my travel team.

What is your least favorite thing about your sport and what is your most favorite: Least favorite- Losing a game we should have won.

Most favorite- Enjoying the atmosphere in the locker room after any win.

If you could sum up your life in one song what would it be: Where Da Cash At

What advice would you give younger athletes in your sport: Remember that there are always thousands of other athletes your age with the same natural talents and skill sets that you possess, only

your work ethic can separate you from those people.

What is your most over used word or phrase: I don't care, you decide.

High School academic accomplishments, rewards or honors societies: Graduated 3rd in my class, Palm Beach Pathfinders nominee for history.

High School sports accomplishments, rewards, and placements: 4 letters in basketball, All-County Team, 1 letter in Volleyball

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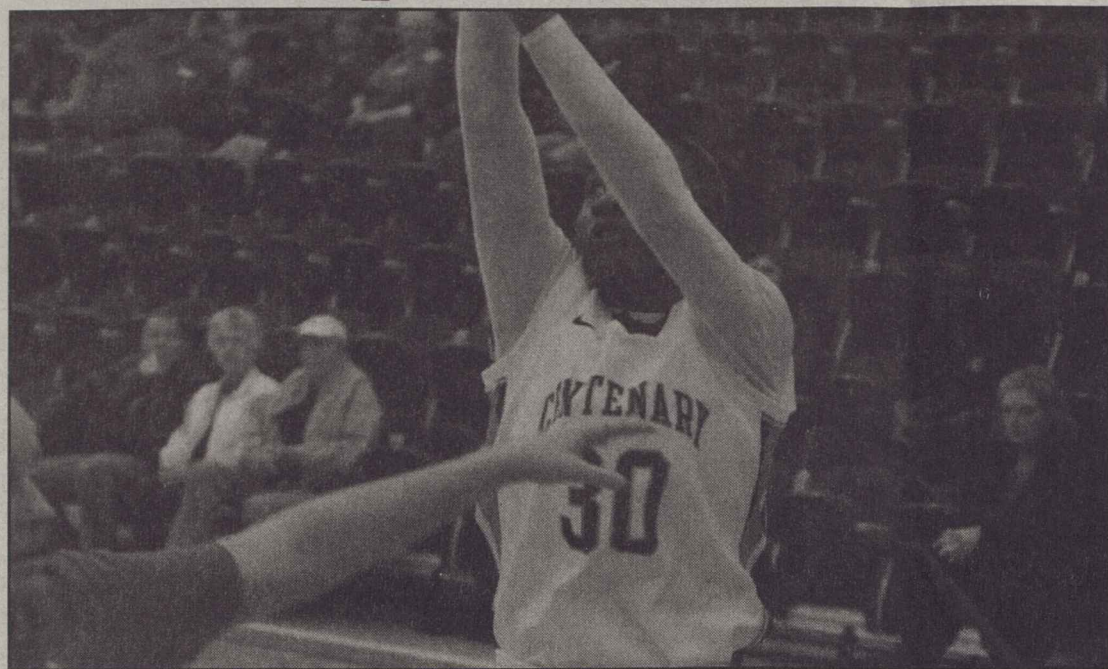
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NOW Love Fest in the SUB 6:30 - 9:00 PM February 9th VOX

Make Valentines for Providence House Buy \$2 Condom-Grams

SPORTS

Ladies Split Home Games



Chistian Prince
Staff writer

This week the Ladies took on the University of Texas-Dallas Lady Comets and the University of the Ozarks Lady Eagles. The Ladies came away with one win and one loss to move their record to 8-13 on the season so far.

Thursday night the Ladies faced off against the Lady Comets from UT-Dallas for the second time this season. In their first meeting the Ladies fell to the Comets in a 14 point loss. In this past Thursday's game the Ladies pulled out a huge upset beating the Comets by three.

The Lady Comets are currently ranked second in conference, right behind the Lady Wildcats of Louisiana College. In their first meeting, the Ladies struggled with

free throws, only shooting 60% (9-15) from the line. In their win, the Ladies shot an astounding 85% (17-20) from the line.

Vashni Sharp-Moore led the team in free throws, knocking down 10-12. Megan Daniel was 6-6, and Jalena Sanders was 1-2. Sanders also pulled off another double-double, making it her sixth of the season.

Saturday, the Ladies took on the Lady Eagles from the Ozarks in Arkansas. The Ladies began the game slow, and the Eagles capitalized on that. They jumped out to an early lead and never looked back. Shots for the Ladies would not fall. Backside lay-ups due to lack of proper rotation, and pitiful reffing contributed to the L for the Ladies.

Sharp-Moore experienced a violent elbow to the chest and took quite

a hit to the lip. Sanders was maliciously slammed to the floor on a rebound, and the viciousness of hacking, hitting, and in general fouling could be heard all the way across the floor, but the sound of a whistle was nowhere to be heard.

The Ladies travel to the Ozarks this coming Saturday. Hopefully they will have better luck than they did here in the Dome. The Ladies are two wins shy of their ten win goal. The Centenary student body has been showing there support for the Ladies and as they travel to Arkansas we hope they are able to carry that spirit along with them!

The Ladies return to the Gold Dome on February 9th for Think Pink night and February 11th for Senior Night. The Ladies hope to see everyone there!

Track and Field schedule released

Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

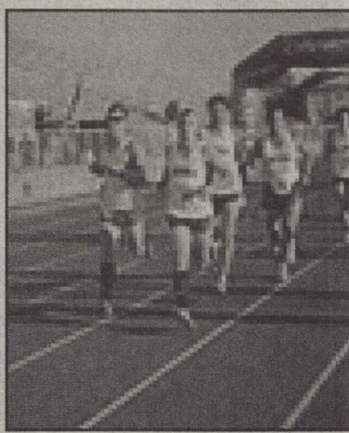
The Centenary Track and Field Club would like to thank Centenary's Student Government Association for their support in purchasing uniforms for the team. The track team is preparing for their first meet toward the end of this February.

The Gents and Ladies have been meeting at Captain Shreve throughout the week to work as a team and push each other forward. This past Saturday, Grayson Collins, Miles McDonald, John Reeks, and others worked on their finishes for their events. Much work must be put into the speed and distance aspect for each person's race.

"This workout was one of the hardest workouts I have done in years, but we are getting fast," said Grayson Collins.

Many of the teammates are excited to compete with some of the best runners in the south. A notable addition to the team is sprinter Shakaira Ware. She will add a lot of speed to the Ladies side this spring.

The team will compete against teams with a lot of talent. Some notable teams include NJCAA Southeast Champions Lon Morris College, ASC Champs UT-Tyler and, Millsaps College. The Centenary team will not



disappoint by bringing home the gold in many events. Thank you for following the Centenary College Track and Field team.

If you would like to support the team in any way please email me at cnelson@my.centenary.edu.

Track & Field Schedule Spring Semester

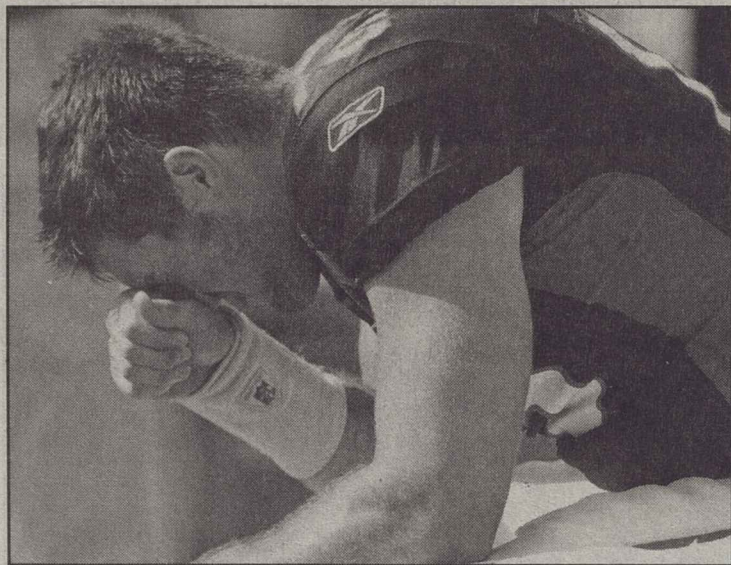
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Mississippi College
Invitational

3/30/12
UT Tyler
Time Trials

4/6/12
Northwestern State
University
Invitational

Sport as Religion?



Steven Finley
Sports Editor

Ever wonder how sports and religion relate to one another? Ever thought that sports themselves could be classified as a religion? Ever wanted to take a class on this subject? At Centenary College of Louisiana, students now have that option.

This semester, a religion course called Religion and Sports was a new addition to the course schedule thanks to the work of Dr. Annie

Blazer, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies.

Dr. Blazer pushed to have this class added because she felt it was a good opportunity for her to be "teaching something [she is] excited about." She also happens to have written her dissertation on the subject of religion and sports.

She is also hoping that this class can be used as a "gateway class to get [students] hooked."

The class is set up to teach students how religion

and sports can relate to one another. Over the course of the semester, students will examine arguments on why sport can be called a religion and why it cannot. Students will also examine the relationship between Jews and Black baseball, as well as Catholic nuns playing basketball and the lives of wrestlers in India.

Caden Cheramie, a student athlete majoring in Business, said he took the course because he felt it would be "interesting to take."

Lauren Rogers, a religious study major at Centenary, said "I expect to be able to look at religion and sports in a different way. I look forward to getting into certain like teams and certain players."

It is not known how often this course will be offered here at Centenary, but if given the chance and if interested one should look into taking it.

R.A.D. rape aggression defense

A national self defense program that empowers women to develop and enhance their options of self defense

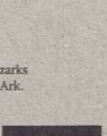
Classes starting spring semester!

Held in the Whited Room

Classes are free and open to women in the Centenary community

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UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

February 4	February 5	February 7	February 9
 Gymnastics Feb. 03 Oklahoma, Nebraska, Minnesota at Norman, Okla. 7:00 p.m.  Baseball Feb. 04 Hendrix College Shehee Stadium 12:00 p.m.	 Basketball Women's Feb. 04 Univ. of the Ozarks at Clarksville, Ark. 1:00 p.m.  Swimming Feb. 04 Delta State Haynes Fitness Center 2:00 p.m.  Lacrosse Feb. 04 UTSA Mayo Field 1:00 p.m.  Baseball Feb. 04 Hendrix College Shehee Stadium 3:00 p.m.	 Baseball Feb. 05 Hendrix College Shehee Stadium 1:00 p.m.  Baseball Feb. 07 Texas College Shehee Stadium 5:00 p.m.	 Basketball Women's Feb. 09 LeTourneau Gold Dome 5:30 p.m.  Basketball Men's Feb. 09 LeTourneau Gold Dome 7:30 p.m.

SPORTS

Allison McClain Resigns as Sports Information Director



Steven Finley
Sports Editor

Last week Centenary College of Louisiana learned that Allison McClain, Sports Information Director, resigned from her position. Her official last day was Thursday January 26th. She left the following day.

McClain was an ingrained member of the Centenary family, having played softball while she was a student here. She ended up taking the position of Sports Information Director shortly after graduation almost three years ago.

Upon her graduation and obtaining the job here she served as the Director of Sports Information for two and a half years.

Her next move is to the University of Houston, a Division One team in Conference USA.

"After 2.5 great years at Centenary as Sports Information Director, I am ready to move up in my career. The

University of Houston is a fantastic fit for me as I will be now working in a department of six people, exclusively with two sports," said McClain.

McClain also left early with many more things left to do. She had her reasons, though.

"This position at UH came available over the Christmas holiday and because it handles baseball, the need for me to move quickly is an absolute," said McClain.

With McClain gone, the Sports Information Center will have to adapt until a new permanent Director can be hired. To do this the college has named the volleyball coach Jon Stenman as the interim Sports Information Director.

With basketball season almost at a close and baseball and softball starting up soon it will be a challenge for the Sports Information Center.

McClain was a great member of the Centenary family and she will be missed.

Student seeks interest in women's lacrosse team

Steven Finley
Sports Editor

Chicks with sticks? You bet.

Recently at Centenary College of Louisiana, Sarah Wilkes has expressed interest in starting up a women's lacrosse team.

"I played in high school and was gonna play in college until I came here," said Wilkes. She had also coached where she played.

With the want there, Wilkes set out to get the ball rolling. Thanks to the help of junior Shakaria Ware, Wilkes went to the now-former lacrosse coach, Coach Brand. However, he has since left, leaving the two on their own.

This has not deterred them. They have since visited

the Caddo Magnet High School in Shreveport and asked the lacrosse coach there for assistance. They even have a constitution written and ready to be looked over by the Student Government Association (SGA).

Before they present their proposal, they plan on figuring out who is interested - if there is enough interest, then they will approach SGA with their idea.

"Hopefully a lot of girls will come and we'll go from there," said Wilkes.

If enough interest is sparked, then they will also look in to requesting equipment from SGA and ask for assistance from the Athletic Director, Dr. William Broussard.

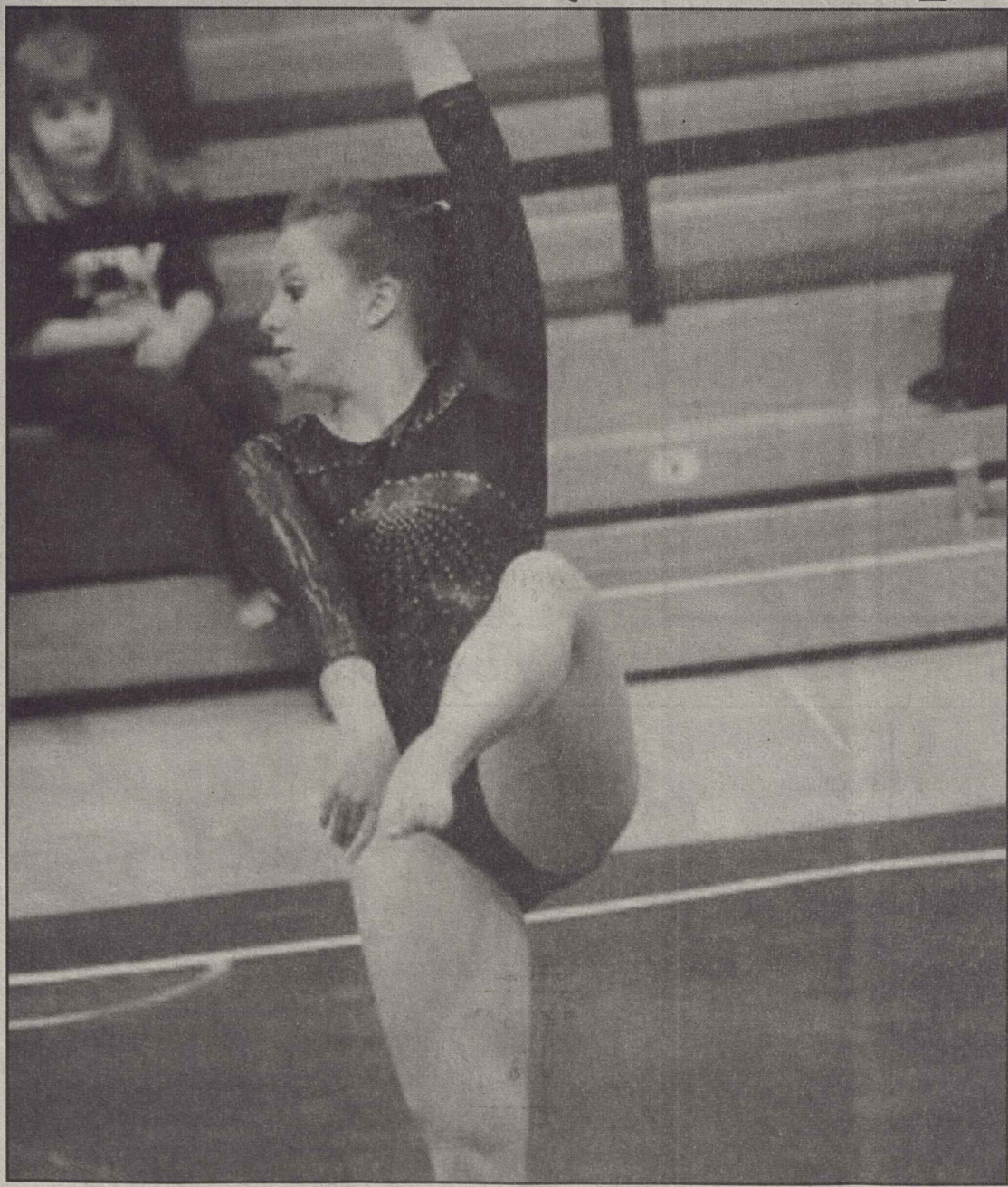
Wilkes has also looked into several conferences that they could join if the sport is approved, such as one that includes Millsaps College. For now, Wilkes plans to have them prepare for their first year rather than play often, as not all the girls she hopes to show up may have played lacrosse before.

If Women's Lacrosse gets approved, then it will be a club sport - unlike its male counterpart, which will be moving away from the club sports category next year since the conference that Centenary is joining has a lacrosse division.

If the proposal passes, it's possible that one day Women's Lacrosse will join the men in division three competitive play.



It Was a Rocky Road Up in the Mountains



Stephanie Wright
Staff Writer

The Ladies' gymnastics team posted a 187.250 this weekend in Denver, Colorado, a little bit of a let

down from last weekends 191.400 at TWU.

"This was not our best performance," said senior Tri-Captain, Melody Smith. "We didn't have the most consistent routines, but

the judging was also very inconsistent. All in all we are going to use this past weekend as motivation to work hard in the gym to be ready for Oklahoma on Friday."

Even though this wasn't the Ladies best performance, they still had two individuals post their career high scores.

Junior Meg Crowley posted a 9.750 earning her 5th place in the competition, quickly followed by sophomore Ciara Maradiaga posting a 9.825 earning her 2nd place. These girls had a look of determination on the beam; their routines were beautiful and only achieved due to their hard work and practice at the gym.

Junior Jessica Lieblich was the third top scorer for Centenary's beam line up posting a 9.700.

Next, the Ladies went to the floor exercise. "We felt really prepared for our routines but by the last pass we were definitely feeling the altitude change" said Sophomore Tawnee Hadd. Our top scores were Smith posting a 9.575, Crowley posting a 9.550, and senior Lauren Carlton posting a 9.525.

On vault the Ladies took a little while to get into their groove, but once everyone was warmed up the vaults looked great. The top scorers were junior Amanda Holt (9.725), junior Jessica Lieblich (9.575), and junior Christy Martinez (9.550).

"Our vaulting line up is very consistent but our scores tonight seemed a little on the low side," said

Martinez. "Over the next two weeks we are going to work really hard on upgrading our vaults so that our scores will go up."

On the uneven bars, the Ladies didn't end as strongly as they wanted.

"Our skills and routines are there, but we need to focus more on the details. Like hitting handstands and sticking our landings," said sophomore Robyn Price. The top scores on the uneven bars came from senior Stephanie Wright (9.600), Price (9.350), and Martinez (8.950).

"This weekend was a 'Rocky Road' up in the mountains," said head coach, Jackie Fain.

"We didn't do as well as last week and the environment at Denver was a little bit of a let down compared to last weekend at TWU. Our intensity also wasn't as high as it could have been. We have some work to do in the gym this week, in order to be ready for OU this Friday night. I am however very proud of our two top beam scorers Ciara and Meg for posting there career high scores. They had beautiful routines."

The Ladies are ready to compete and make improvements next in Oklahoma this Friday, Feb. 3rd.

EXTRAS

Horoscopes

Daniel Proveaux

Aries- You are spending way to much time at Wal-Mart. Yes, this is good for their business and your wallet, but the longer you stay there the faster the transformation into a monster happens. Don't be surprised when your Facebook explodes with post from friends asking if it's really you on the front page of People of Wal-Mart.

Taurus- Spend more time with your friends. Yes, your schedule stays hectic but being with your friends will give the de-stressing you need. Close your textbook, go outside, and take a stroll through the Arboretum with the people who make you smile. The break will make your thirst for knowledge stronger because your focus is better with a clear mind.

Gemini- One, two buckle my shoe. If you can finish this nursery rhyme then congratulations, you passed Kindergarten. With this said, you should have also passed the 1st-12th grades and should have no problem accommodating to the new academic structure that is college.

Cancer- You will find a dollar lying on the ground, but do not pick it up. This dollar belongs to somebody else.

Leo- You are not fooling anybody. Diet Coke is not healthy. Stop using this as a decoy for a healthier lifestyle. Drink what so many of our ancestors survived on: water.

Virgo- Have yourself a merry little Christmas. The fates are fully aware that the Holiday season is over, but that doesn't mean you can't start early. Don't be tacky and start decorating your house with lights or putting up a tree.

Libra- We all know that awkward moment when you are frantically taking notes in a class and your computer suddenly dies. What to do? Kick it old school and bring a notebook and pencil to class. When you rely to heavily on technology, you become somewhat of a robot yourself. Be human and write with a pencil, or even better chisel into the side of a rock.

Scorpio- Everyone has that one song that describes who he or she is. Your song is most likely one about a guy leaving you and you getting your revenge. That certainly narrows your playlist down.

Sagittarius- Everyone around you is getting sick and it's becoming harder to avoid it. While you

avoid friends like zombies, it might be easier to succumb to illness and let your body fight it from inside.

Capricorn- This year we must vote for a new President. Or re-elect the current one.

Aquarius- Everyone around you is getting sick and it's becoming harder to avoid it. While you avoid friends like zombies, it might be easier to succumb to illness and let your body fight it from inside. Your cells are a lot stronger than you as an individual will ever be. As strong as out bodies are, it's strange that some people live your life as a wimp ever day. Take note from your biology and be strong.

Pisces- Be polite to everyone. We are taught manners since birth. Like riding a bike, manners are not something that someone forgets over to

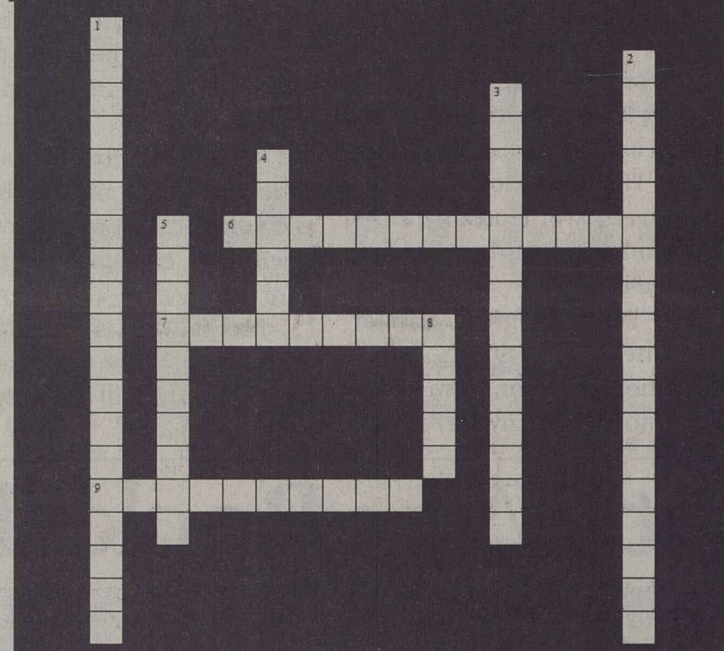
years. Perhaps to much exposure to Jersey Shore has destroyed the part of your brain that controls human decency. Never forget what your momma

or daddy would do if you stepped out of line or said anything with out immediately using a yes ma'am or sir.

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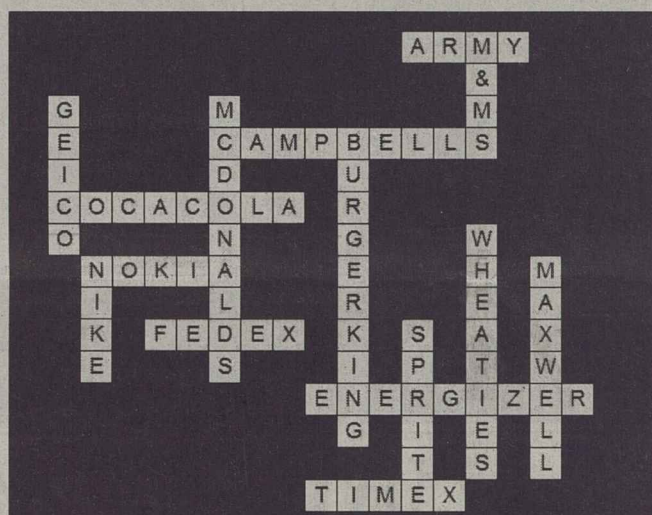
- 6 The woman known as "Black Moses".
7 Refused to move from her seat.
9 Town in Arkansas where nine students integrated the public high school in 1957.

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2 Winner of the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize.
3 Was the self-given name,

from 1843 onward, of Isabella Baumfree, an African-American abolitionist and women's rights activist.
4 A holiday that celebrates African American heritage.
5 The Constitutional Amendment that ended slavery.
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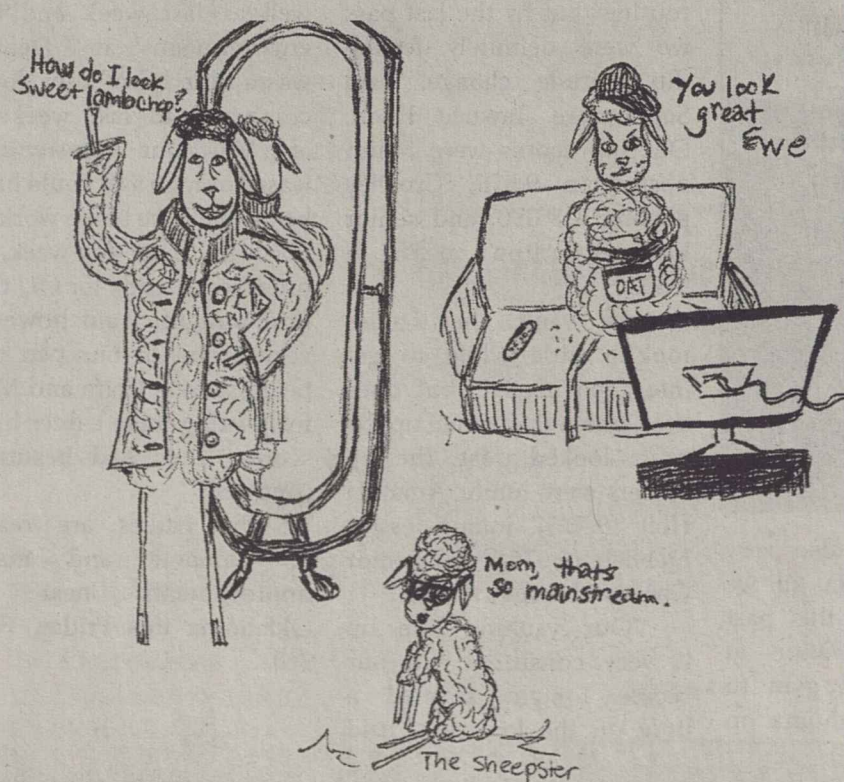
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Who Gives a Flock of Sheep

by Hadley Million





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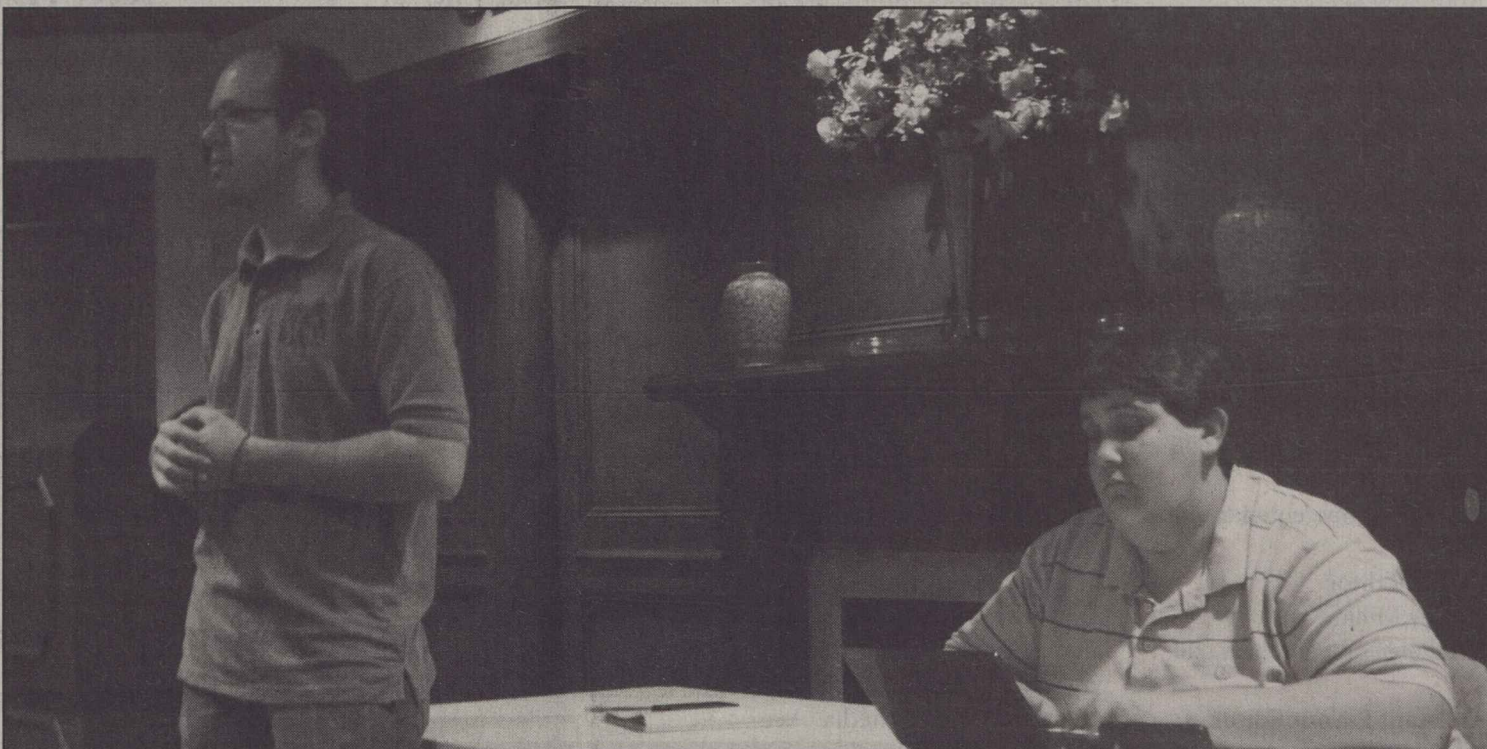
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SGA Spring Forum Addresses Student Concerns



Christian Prince
Staff Writer

On Wednesday February 1st, Centenary's SGA held their spring forum to address concerns from students.

SGA members that attended were Drew Burnham, Kendall Hughes, Charles Madden, Austin Butler, and Ben Sanchez. Also the Dean of Students, Mark Miller, was present.

Madden was moderator of the forum, and despite low attendance several important issues were raised. Main topics that were covered included praise of DPS, as well as recommendations for improvement, issues with Randles and the Caf, the Library, the sprinkler system, and What's Happening emails.

Burnham brought up high praise for DPS for improving their inconsistency this semester. There was collective agreement among the group that DPS deserved this praise. Under the topic of DPS a large question that was raised was why are courses such as R.A.D. only for women? Why are self-defense classes for men not offered?

On the issue of R.A.D.

senior Ashley Lynch shed some light on the subject. Lynch explained that R.A.D. is a nationally recognized program and is offered free of charge to interested women. Also, men are not allowed to take the classes because women are taught specific techniques that only they should know in order to obtain the most benefit from them. A current issue with R.A.D. for women is DPS is having a hard time getting women to sign up. This is in part due to the inconsistency of DPS in the past with poor advertising and such.

Yet, men should have the opportunity to learn to defend themselves. There was collective agreement among the group. The subject of possible martial arts classes offered by the Fitness Center was discussed, stating that they used to offer a karate class to students. It was felt that the short term affects of martial arts classes could be good for male self-defense.

The next major addressed concerned Randle's as well as the Cafe. Where Randle's is concerned the respectfulness of the workers was brought into question. It was brought up that they seem unprofessional at times. They talk on their

cell phones when customers need assistance and when asked to get something they begrudgingly do it.

Granted it is felt that the Randle's workers work long hours, thus the idea of rotating workers from the Cafe to Randles' was suggested. Also, an employee of the month could be instituted where students can give praise to the workers they feel deserve it the most. Private comment cards were another suggestion.

Another large issue brought up concerning eating at Centenary is the tier system for meal plans that have been instituted. The question was raised about whether or not the students should be allowed to have more of a voice in their meal plan, meaning they should be able to decide how many meals and Randle's bucks they have. The issue of having Flex cash was brought up too. Flex cash would allow students to spend money that is pre-installed on their cards at local places that are partnered with Centenary. Miller made it know that the cards students currently possess has the capability to be spent in such a way.

The problem with such a system was if the current

meal plan system was altered, students with higher meals might feel like they are paying more money to help Centenary fill their price contract with Sodexo.

The third main issue addressed with the Cafe' was brought up by Lynch that the Cafe' lacks accommodations for people with preferences (i.e. vegetarian) and allergies (i.e. gluten, peanuts). Freshman Emilie Harmeyer said they do have vegetarian friendly foods, they're just not easily marked. Butler also felt that there have been even less gluten free foods.

For students to have their meal plans altered this must occur within the first week of school starting. This causes an ordeal to make exceptions to this rule. It was suggested that monthly meetings to make sure preference and allergy accommodations are being met. Miller spoke up to inform the group that currently review committees meet when requests are made.

A suggestion was made that possibly a student committee should be created to meet with Sodexo on a more regular basis to make sure students are being accommodated for what they are paying high prices for.

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Shreveport Represented on "The Voice"

Christian Prince
Staff Writer

Have you ever wished you could have the opportunity to sing in front of famous musicians? How about Maroon 5 front man, Adam Levine; "Forget You" song artist, Cee Lo Green; country superstar, Blake Shelton; and 90's pop sensation Christina Aguilera?

"The Voice" provides this opportunity for aspiring singers. Contestants go through blind audition rounds where the four coaches, mentioned above, sit in chairs facing away from the performers while they audition.

If the judges turn around during the song, they want the performer to join their team. If more than one judge turns around, the performer can pick whose team they want to join.

Sunday night following

Super Bowl XLVI, the second season of The Voice premiered. And the following Monday, during the second night of the blind auditions, a Shreveport native had the

opportunity to audition on "The Voice."

Dez Duron, 21, is currently a football player at Yale University. In high school, he set a state record in Louisiana for having the most touchdowns (58) thrown in a single season.

Duron took a semester off from school to go audition for "The Voice." His dad was also a football player who had a

music career. Duron's father was drafted by the NFL to the Washington Redskins, but instead pursued music and won a Grammy for a song titled, "We've

Come to

Worship."

Duron sees his father as a big inspiration.

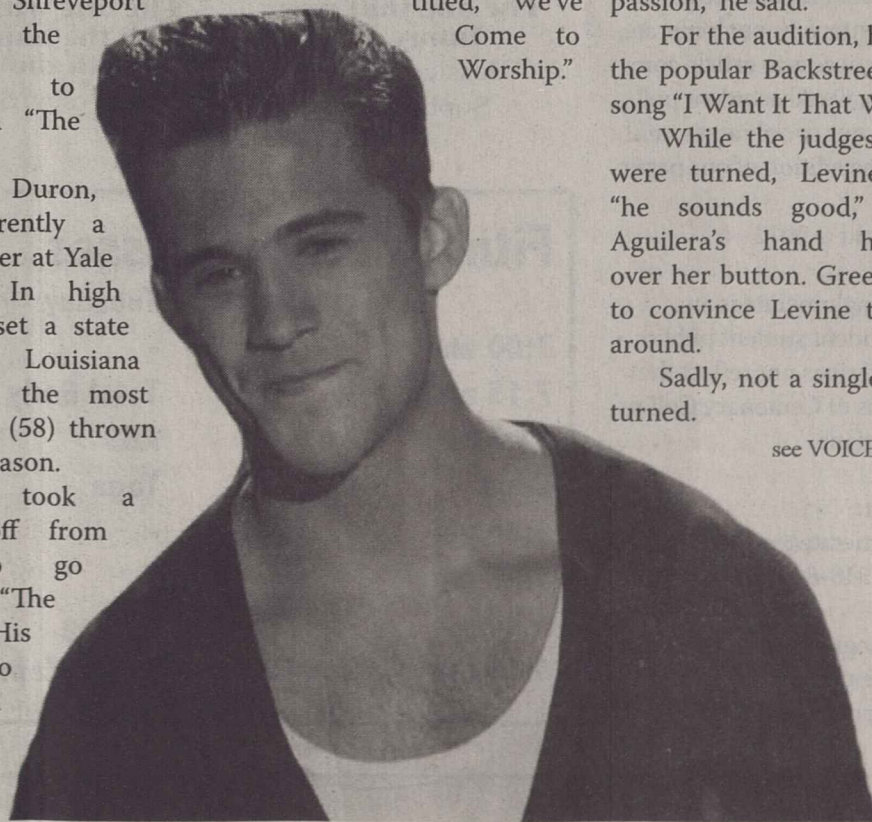
"Singing is what I love to do, what I want to do for the rest of my life. It's my passion," he said.

For the audition, he sang the popular Backstreet Boys song "I Want It That Way."

While the judges backs were turned, Levine said, "he sounds good," while Aguilera's hand hovered over her button. Green tried to convince Levine to turn around.

Sadly, not a single judge turned.

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Letter from the Editor: Utilizing campus forums

Ashley Lynch
Editor in Chief

They don't come around very often, but attending campus forums really can make changes happen--feasible ones, anyway. And for a student body that has a lot to say about the changes that they'd like to see happen, forum attendance is a must.

Forums are about voicing your opinions: not in a, "let me post how I feel on Facebook," kind of way, but in a productive environment where students can engage with our fellow colleagues, deliberate over the importance of responding to certain issues, and create practical requests of our campus.

We won't always get what we want right away--and in some cases, we might not even get what we want--but voicing our opinions ensures that someone is hearing them. Believe it or not, the administration can't always be trusted to know what we tweeted or ranted about on social media. We

have to make sure that we're communicating our concerns (and comments!) through the proper channels.

Our Student Government Association and Residence Hall Association are here to help us voice those concerns. They can book the room, publicize the event, and create a meeting place for the campus to hash it out over what's really grinding their gears.

If you have the chance to attend these, then great! Take advantage of it. If you can't, but still have a concern that you'd like to voice, get in touch with your SGA Senators. These elected student officials are selected for the specific purpose of representing each of their classes. Take advantage of them, too.

Moral of the story?

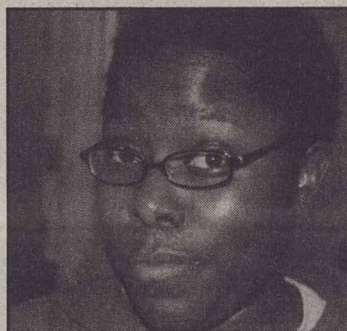
Speak up, speak out--speak, speak, speak: but do it constructively, in hopes that we can actually achieve those goals.

Question of the Week

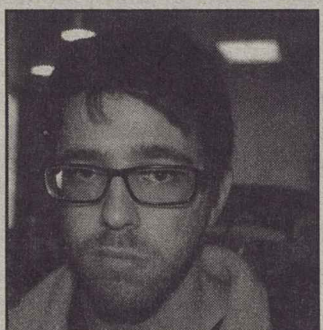
What was your favorite Super Bowl XLVI commercial?



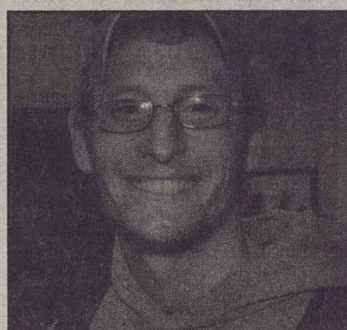
Dorito baby slingshot
Hadley Million, Junior



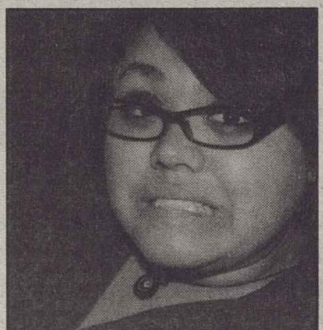
I didn't watch the Super Bowl
Samarra Kinchen, Junior



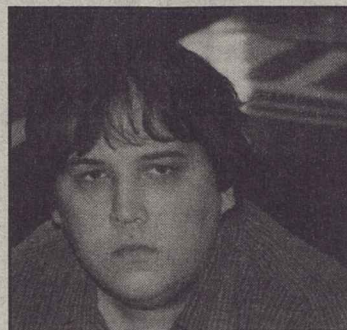
Which one had the most nudity?
Corey Davis, Senior



Dorito dog.
Michael Schwandt, Sophomore



The one that was funny
Jessico Bato, Sophomore



The one with the guy with the hair and girl with the ears.
Joel Livsey, Sophomore

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Noon	Pilates	Yoga	Pilates	Yoga
4:35 pm	-	-	-	-
5:00 pm	-	-	Boot Camp	-
5:30 pm	-	Cycling	-	Turbo Kick
6:00 pm	Zumba-	Zumba-		

Fall Hours

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Fri: 6am - 6pm
Sat: Noon - 6pm
Sun: 2pm - 6pm

Pool Hours

Mon-Fri: 11am - 2pm
Mon Night: 8pm - 10pm
Wed Night: 6pm - 10pm
Sat & Sun: 2pm - 6pm

NEWS

Cyber Bullying: Weaponizing Technology



Erika Lunsford
Staff Writer

For those who are unfamiliar with cyberbullying, it is the use of the Internet and other technology in order to deliberately harass, tease, or insult another person.

According to researchers Hinduja and Patchin, authors of *Bullying Beyond the Schoolyard: Preventing and Responding to Cyberbullying*, approximately 54% of adolescents and teens have been cyberbullied, and about the same amount participate in cyberbullying.

Also, one in four young people have experienced cyberbullying on more than one occasion. Only 1 out of 10 adolescents tells an adult that they are experiencing cyberbullying. Girls are more

likely to be both cyberbullies and victims.

Cyberbullying can also lead to low self-esteem, withdrawal, and even thoughts of suicide. In fact, suicide is the third leading cause of death in teens, and cyberbullying accounts for about 15% of those suicides in teens and adolescents.

Some of the most common forms of cyberbullying are split up into categories by percentage. 25% of cyberbullying happens in chat rooms, 23% on networking websites, 25% in emails, 16% in text messages, and a whopping 67% occurs through instant messaging.

Cyberbullying ranges anywhere from physically threatening another person to spreading rumors about someone via technology. It

ranges from very small offenses to large scale, distressing harassment and threats, but that isn't to say one form of cyberbullying is less harmful than another.

In the world today, technology is at the center of almost everyone's life (whether they want it to or not). It is a dominant part of our culture, and that isn't likely to change.

Unfortunately, because of the ease and accessibility of technology, it increases the likelihood that it will be used for deviant purposes.

Unlike physical bullying, cyberbullying is extremely anonymous. The bully can virtually attack anyone while keeping their identity secret by using temporary, free (and endless) email accounts, pseudonyms in chat rooms, instant messaging programs,

text messaging, and other venues.

Also, the electronic forums often lack supervision. There is the occasional chat room host that filters through random chat rooms to keep illicit content from being posted, but other more personal forms of cyberbullying are out of reach from regulatory authorities.

And let's be honest... how many parents are more technologically savvy than their children? On top of that, most parents don't monitor the content of their cell phones, emails, or online accounts.

Another factor is the inseparability of a cell phone from its owner, not only making cyberbullying easier, but it makes every cell phone user a perpetual target.

Moreover, bullies can gang up on a victim much more easily with the use of technology, and the likelihood of them being caught is lowered because of the anonymity of the Internet.

To battle the rampant and growing instances of cyberbullying, legislation has been put into play in the United States and other countries. New York, Missouri, Rhode Island, and Maryland have passed laws that penalize cyberbullying.

Several other states and cities in the U.S. have passed similar laws, but most laws make cyberbullying a mere misdemeanor.

There is some talk of lawmakers proposing a federal law that would make it illegal to use electronic means to

"coerce, intimidate, harass, or cause other substantial emotional distress," according to Parry Aftab, an American lawmaker.

Common symptoms of those experiencing cyberbullying can be lack of interest in technology or the Internet, withdrawal behavior, lack of interest in school, a decline in grades, and secretive behavior.

There are also some physical symptoms that accompany cyberbullying. These could be headaches, stomachaches, discomfort, or nausea, symptoms commonly associated with anxiety or stress.

There are many ways that parents, educators, or other students can help prevent or deal with cyberbullying.

Educating young people on the dangers of the Internet and other technologies can help, as well as monitoring a child's time spent on the Internet or cell phone along with the content of their texts and emails (without being overbearing).

Prevention is key, and make sure that the child or teen being bullied doesn't feel overly monitored. Also, let them know it is never their fault!

The truth of the matter is, cyberbullying has become much more prominent with the rise of technology, and it is an issue that many are trying to keep up with and prevent. The most important point is that help is available, and cyberbullying can be stopped.

Casinos Moving to Florida?



Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

Americans take trips to Nevada, Oklahoma, and Louisiana constantly to test their luck with casinos, and these three states bring in a lot of revenue from the hopeful gamblers. However, these states have been faced with the threat of losing business to Florida, which will be opening up casinos in the South Florida area. Many Las Vegas casino officials are worried for this Florida Mega-Casino Bill to pass, because much of their business will be lost.

For months, major casino operators, including Genting Berhad, a Malaysian corporation that bought bayfront property in Miami on which to build a mammoth resort, have been pushing for the opening of Florida casinos. Their argument is that casinos will churn out jobs and revenue, helping to

dispel the state's economic gloom.

Miami beaches, wonderful weather, and flashy casinos; what could be wrong with that?

Although this sounded good to some, many disagreed with this move of casinos to Florida. Led by Disney World and the Florida Chamber of Commerce, opponents argued that Florida's "wholesome family-friendly image" would suffer. Las Vegas didn't earn the nickname "Sin City" for no reason.

The groups expressed worries about crime, the impact on local businesses and hotels, and traffic, among other concerns. Other critics soon joined them, including Norman Braman, an auto dealership magnate in South Florida; various religious groups; the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association; and the mostly conservative Florida Legislature, which is generally opposed

to gambling.

Local polls suggested a split decision by Florida citizens to add the casinos to their cities. The bill faced its first test before a committee in the State House of Representatives last week, and did not garner enough votes to progress.

The bill may have been shut down for now, but its proponents indicated that the bill will return. A retooled casino bill is expected to make a comeback during the 2013 legislative session.

According to the New York Times, if the bill had been approved, the casinos were required to bring \$2 billion each in investment to their projects. Therefore we may all have the opportunity to drop the kids off at Disney World and test our luck at the local casinos in the near future.

Heart Health Awareness: "Everybody Has a Heart!"

Julia Puac
Web Manager

With the current buzz from Centenary students about Valentine's Day hearts, and hearts in general, why not find out how to keep your heart healthy? Centenary's Health Services is just the right place to help you do this!

February is National Heart Awareness Month. Melinda Koch, along with her student workers senior Erika Lunsford, senior Cassie Cloutet, and junior Keaton Robinson, have put together plans to host a Healthy Heart Awareness program.

The program is to be held on Valentine's Day from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the caf deck. The goal is to give tips and ideas to maintain your heart healthiness.

"Our theme is 'Everyone has a Heart,'" says Lunsford. "Why not keep it healthy, too?"

The program will include a healthy heart model and a clogged artery model to give students an example as to

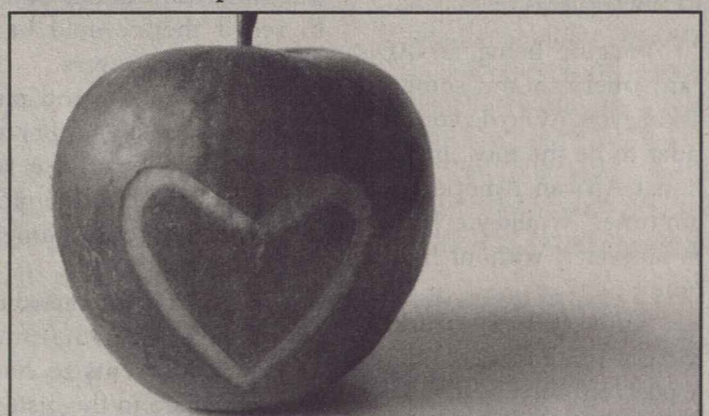
how it all works on the inside. There will also be grab-bags with helpful information, heart healthy guides to fast food that will help you understand the effects fast food has on your heart, and nutrition and fitness guides that will include water bottles.

"We want to keep everyone hydrated ... I mean, it is a heart health program," said Lunsford.

Melinda Koch and her team will be available on the caf deck to talk to any student still curious about heart health awareness during the program.

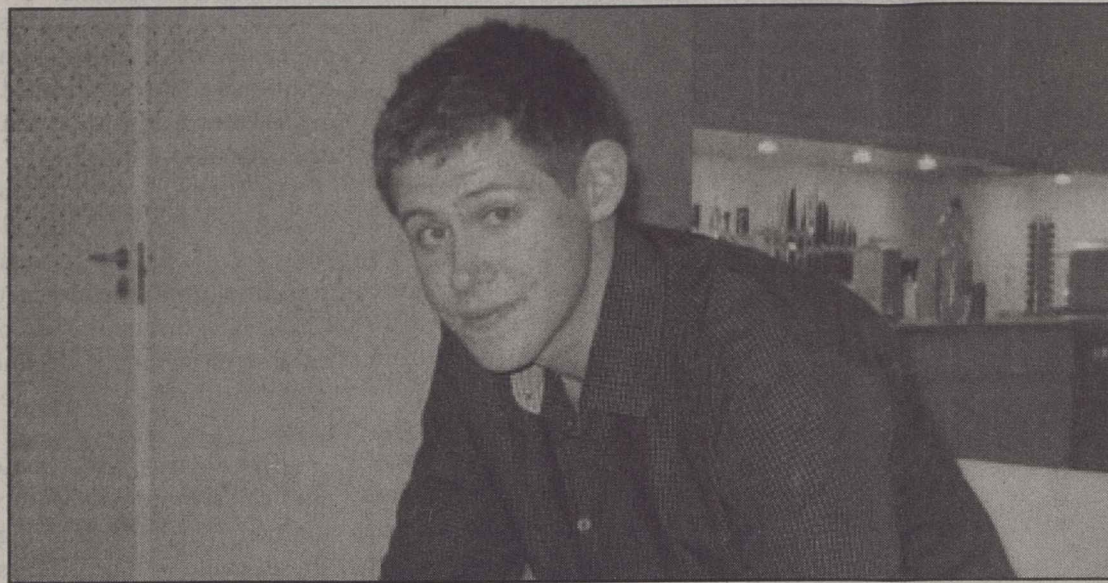
With Valentine's Day nearing, most students will be wondering about what kind of chocolates to buy for their valentines, or how much ice cream they can eat that night while wallowing in hate for the holiday. Come out and find out healthier ways to celebrate this holiday, to live a healthy life everyday, and keep your heart on track!

For more information contact Melinda Koch at mkoch@centenary.edu



NEWS

International Spotlight: Martin Rubæk



Miles Robinson
Staff Writer

Martin Rubæk is one of the nine new international students who have chosen to grace our fair campus this spring semester. Rubæk, 23, hails from Aarhus, Denmark and is taking advantage of the exchange program

that Centenary has with the University of Aarhus.

When asked what his newly founded impressions of America are, Rubæk said "The thing that has surprised me the most is how much Americans love guns. That is really crazy to me."

Such a response is not

surprising seeing how in Denmark, almost all gun possession is prohibited, with handgun and shotgun possession heavily restricted.

Rubæk pointed out other differences between the culture of Centenary and that of Denmark, including a recognition

of our self-proclaimed "Southern hospitality." Yet Rubæk was quick to point out that it is not as though citizens of Denmark are lacking in courtesy and politeness, rather they do not go out of their way to interact with strangers.

Rubæk highlights another difference in the American-Danish culture difference as size: "Everything is smaller, like the cars to the supermarkets."

Danish citizens indeed have increased incentive for decreased size: with gas prices much higher in Denmark and an obvious difference in physical size between the two countries, Super Walmarts and vehicles with pitiful gas mileage on a massive scale are not entirely feasible in Denmark.

Life at Centenary seems to be going very well for

Rubæk, who is a pledge for Kappa Sigma and a student of many of the business school's classes. Yet there has to be some factor here on campus that Rubæk dislikes, and his complaint is one that is found in the mind of many a Centenary student: the caf.

"Right now it's really hard to get used to the food here at the school," he said.

This opinion seems to be one of the only drawbacks Rubæk can conceive, as he optimistically states that his goal for his stay here at Centenary is to "Make friends and have a lot of fun, it's college!"

Foreign exchange students like Martin Rubæk give Centenary different perspectives, experiences, and cultures that only contribute to the general atmosphere of the college.

Go Green [House!]: Solar Power & Student Updates

Karley Aiken
A&E Editor

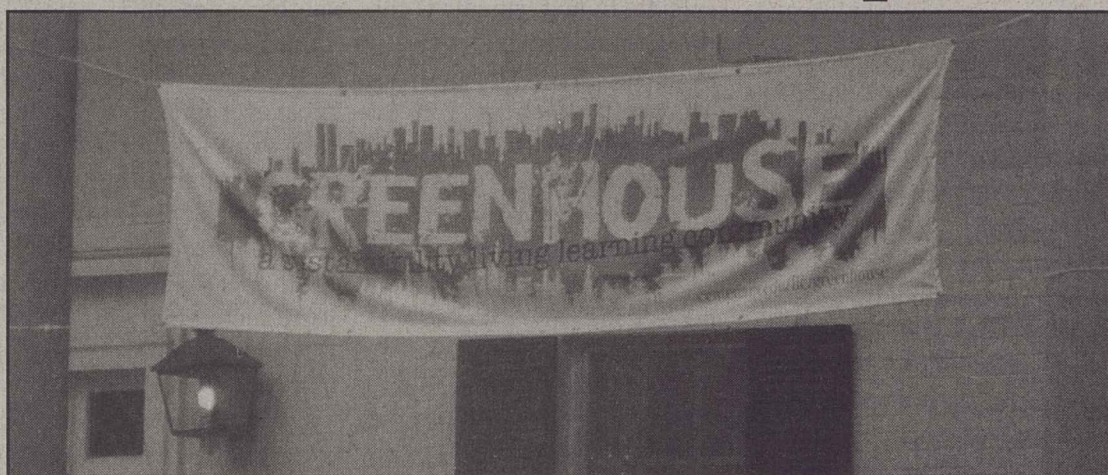
On Monday, January 30, the Sustainability Living Learning Community participated in the Green House/RA program "Building Your Own Solar Powered Cell Phone Charger," led by Dr. Troy Messina, accompanying Physics students, and Green House RA Krista McKinney.

Approximately 30 students came to the program which was held in James lobby, including some non-Green House members. Students learned step-by-step how to build a contained solar powered cell phone charger for smart phones, iPods, or any electronic device that could be charged with a USB cable.

The process took about 45 minutes altogether. We will see whether or not the chargers successfully work from student feedback at a future date.

On Tuesday, January 31, Green House students met to give updates on the different student-led lab groups, including the food group, the Tribe organizational group, and the co-op interest group. So far, the co-op interest group is getting administration involved in the process of seeing whether a co-op living opportunity would be possible for Centenary's campus.

The group is working on a formal proposal to make this an eventual possibility. The food group plans to have a campus-wide meet-



ing within the near future inquiring about the status of the Centenary community's feelings towards our current main food resource, the Caf/Sodexo.

The food group wants to implement more sustainable food options and see what can be done to make progress in that area of students'

experience.

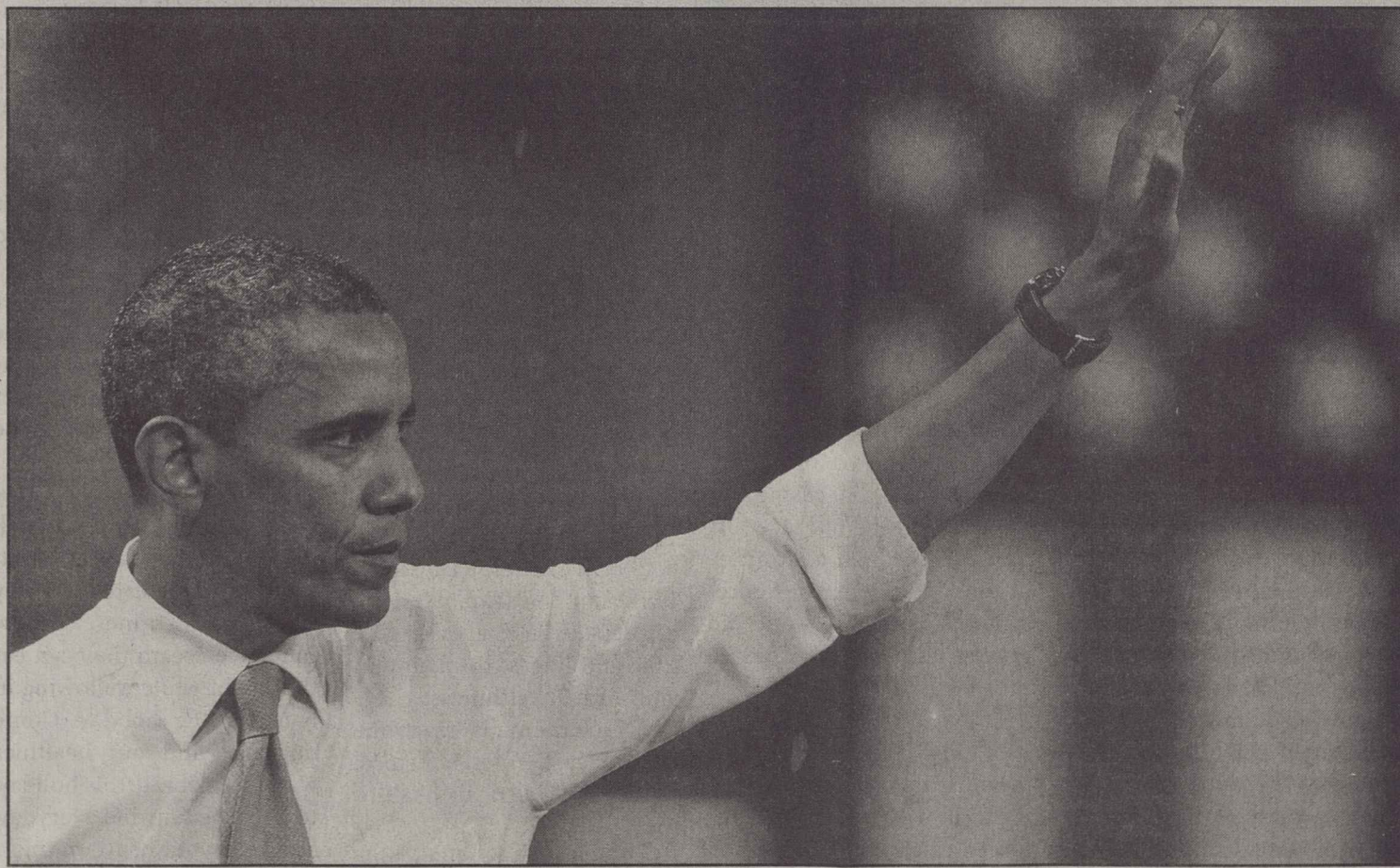
The Tribe group also met to discuss upcoming interest meetings for students curious to join the Green House, as well as preparations for the implementation of the new recycling program.

Bonnie Bernard, head of Centenary's new composting program, announced the

compost tumbler event for this Sunday, February 5.

If you are interested in attending this event or other upcoming Green House events, or if you have any questions or suggestions, visit the Centenary Green House page on Facebook.

Most Inspirational African Americans (of our time)



Christopher Youngblood
Staff Writer
Opinion/Editorial

Imagine being an African American and someone asking you "Who do you consider to be the most inspirational African Americans of our time?" Would you be able to answer it without hesitation?

Since Black History Month is upon us, I made a post on Facebook, asking

"Who do you consider to be the most inspirational African-Americans of our time?" to see if there would be a wide range of answers.

Of course, the top pick is our own president, Barack Obama. While some may see this as a "mainstream" pick, this was an accomplishment for all black people.

"What he accomplished has to be one of the most inspirational events to have ever happened in the history

of the U.S. Having a black president was a running gag my entire life. Comedians would joke, and we would laugh, because we really thought it was impossible," said MSA President Thomas Keys III.

"Now, we have an intelligent black man as president and a first lady that is just as beautiful as she is intelligent. We aren't all dead or in jail, and we have the opportunity to be whatever we want to be.

President Obama personifies that belief."

He is not the only person that we can aspire to become more like.

Junior, Krista McKinney posted a link about the biography of John M. Perkins. Growing up in Mississippi in the high times of racism, Perkins would flee to California, only to return and support the Civil Rights Act. In 1983, along with his wife and a few friends, Perkin created the

John M. Perkins Foundation for Reconciliation & Development, a place to advance the principles of Christianity and racial equality.

Another individual that most people would not necessarily think of is Marian Wright Edelman, President and Founder of the Children's Defense Fund.

"She is inspirational," said Laura Vaughan, Assistant to the Vice President of Student Development.

Do you have to be rich, famous, and well known across the country to be considered inspirational? Sometimes the people who inspire you the most are the people you have known your whole life.

"Millard and Wille Mae Kennedy! My mom and dad," said Robin Kennedy, Night Librarian in Magale Library.

While this is an article about the most inspirational African Americans our time, we must realize that we are a country that is striving to move past color boundaries and not just stick people in a group. The individuals mentioned in this article should be an inspiration to all.

As we celebrate Black History Month, let us all be an inspiration to each other.

NEWS

Seafood: Good or Bad for Your Health?



Andrea Labor
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Opinion/Editorial

When all else fails, the healthy choice is seafood. There is no red meat overdose, no risk of hormones from commercial feedlots, and less risk of contamination from the big, ever-supplying blue seas.

However, this stopped being "true" decades ago. Aside from the long-term industrial pollution that even the world's oceans can only dilute so much, much of the current popular seafood is not even wild-caught.

That salmon you ate from the Pacific Northwest? Not only was it more than likely farmed, but it would have contained up to ten times the pollutants found in a wild-caught salmon. Note that the wild-caught would

have polluted flesh, too.

Some of those pollutants, in turn, would have come from their farmed relatives. There are only so many fish for lice to infest before they spread to less crowded areas. Shrimp farms, meanwhile, have supplanted natural mangrove swamps and coastline with frightening ease in many Asian countries.

Until the January 2011 Food Safety Modernization Act finally gains momentum and funding, imported food in particular is a risk. The lead paint did not stop with Chinese toys, after all, and combined with their lower standards, parasites are just as likely to be packaged as shrimp.

While shrimp caught in the Gulf of Mexico are by almost all accounts a safer al-

ternative, the situation is by no means ideal. Even if the industry as a whole brings in no more than two percent of the annual seafood catch, the rate of bycatch (unintended species caught and thrown back) is as much as twenty times the amount of shrimp.

When that same bycatch—sharks, endangered species, etc.—is tossed back dead or dying from those all-encompassing trawl nets, other fisheries are jeopardized.

The worst offenders are undoubtedly those aimed at the popular predatory species—cod, tuna, Chilean sea bass—often slow-growing and already depleted if not endangered.

Yes, most species of tuna are endangered. Albacore, the most popular in American canning, is merely con-

sidered threatened likely because the entire population cannot be easily tracked.

If this were the case, the species would likely be extinct. With advanced detection combined with eco-disaster nets and long-lining (capable of catching and drowning plenty besides the target), it is amazing that some species are still readily available or that any quality fish is produced at all.

The more stressed the animal is, the lower quality the flesh becomes, especially in species such as tuna that need to swim to breathe. Sustainably caught fish, however, provide not only better quality food but also a safer way to catch fish: traditional rod and reel and actually selecting for size instead of taking up a whole school.

Aside from sustainably

caught tuna, there are some fish with strong enough populations to survive for a long time yet. Tilapia, herring, and sardines all come to mind.

Of course, the market may have more of this than it realizes, since up to 25% of the fish labeled as one desirable kind or another are actually of lesser quality if not the wrong species.

The Greenpeace website lists a ranking of the supermarkets with the best track record by state... And in Louisiana, the highest ranked is surprisingly enough Super Target, above even Whole Foods...with a score of 6.4 out of 10.

Perhaps even the pescetarians should stick to mushrooms.

Religiosity of Centenary College

Steven Finley
Sports Editor

Centenary College of Louisiana has been located in Shreveport, Louisiana since 1845 and was created through an affiliation with the Methodist Church. This partnership often raises a question: do Centenary students typically reflect the religious affiliation of the college?

The Conglomerate recently conducted a sample survey across campus to help us determine an answer. The survey asked a single question: to state one's religious preference and to specify if it was a certain denomination within a particular religion.

The results show that Centenary's campus is actually quite diverse.

The survey revealed a total of sixteen different religious denominations, ranging from atheist to Baptist to Catholic to Muslim.

Overall, the campus appeared to be predominately non-denominational Christian with a total of 19%. This was followed by both atheist and Baptist, which tied at 17% each. The third on the list was Catholic with 16% and the religion that Centenary is affiliated with, Methodist, came in fourth on the list with 10%.

Agnosticism had 6%



and Islam had 4% of the survey. The remaining religious preferences on the list of sixteen claimed 1-2% of the survey each. These preferences included Jewish, Assembly of God, Mormon, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Anglican, Buddhist, Pantheist, and Deist.

These results then raise another question: has the college always been this diverse and open? No, it hasn't.

In the late 70's and early 80's, the campus was quite different. According to Dr. David Otto, our current Head of the Religious Studies Department who attended Centenary during that time period, the college required every student to take a Bible literature course in order to

graduate.

"Everyone had to take Old and New Testament. You could not graduate without taking it," said Dr. Otto.

The Religious studies department was also quite different as well. Back then, there were two degrees one could get from the department: a Bachelor of Arts in Religion, in which all but one course in this degree consisted of Christian Bible classes, and a second degree option in Christian Education.

"Christian courses were very hands-on practical, such as how to be a director of Christian education in a local church," said Dr. Otto.

What brought about this shift from then to now? When talking to Betsy

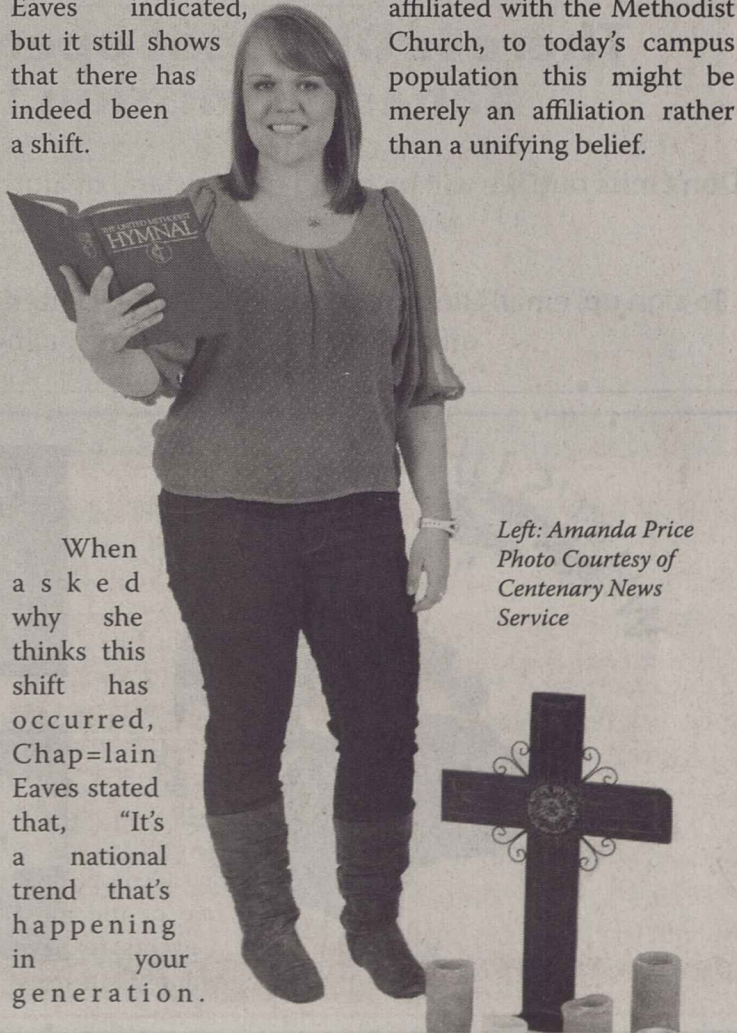
Eaves, Vice President for Student Development and Chaplain of the college, it was discovered that back then about 98% of students identified themselves as Christian. Now, she says, that number has dropped to about 78%.

This change seems to fit to a certain degree, as the survey revealed that overall 68% identified themselves as some type of Christian. This is a bigger shift than the one Chaplain Eaves indicated, but it still shows that there has indeed been a shift.

People are exploring a multitude of religions or ways of spirituality that are different than what people grew up with. It has become more acceptable."

Overall, there has been quite a shift in the religiosity of Centenary College. It appears that Centenary has moved away from a campus with a primary religion to one that is more open and diverse to many religions and non-religious groups.

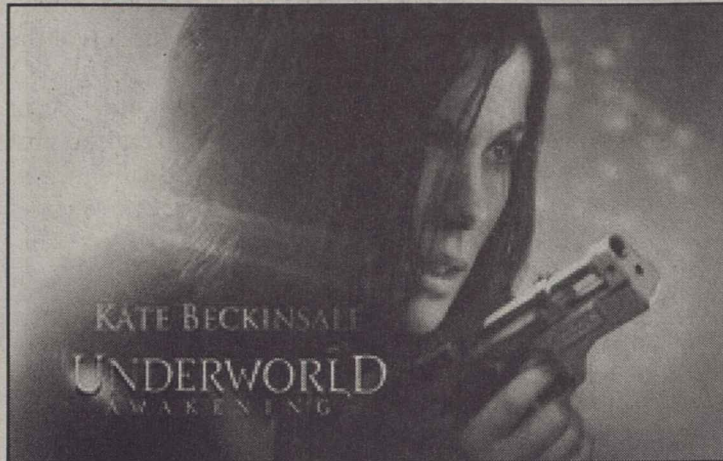
Even though Centenary is affiliated with the Methodist Church, to today's campus population this might be merely an affiliation rather than a unifying belief.



Left: Amanda Price
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Movie Review *Underworld: Awakening*



Erika Lunsford
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"Underworld: Awakening" begins with a tidy, quick recap of the series' first two movies (minus the third installment from which Kate Beckinsale opted to sit out) before revealing the current grim state of affairs for its clashing vampires and werewolves.

Humans have stopped killing each other and shifted their focus on eradicating creatures with fangs and fur in an event they call "the purge."

Our vampire anti-heroine Selene (played by Beckinsale) finds herself cryogenically frozen in a laboratory before something mysteriously breaks the glass, allowing her reemergence.

The audience quickly learns that twelve years have gone by while Selene was on ice, and her hybrid lover, Michael (played by Scott Speedman) is either missing or presumed dead after their separation in the beginning of the film.

Planning her escape from the lab, she grabs her spandex body suit, leather corset, and knee-high boots, donning her usual skintight and sexy attire meant for ass-kicking.

And make no mistake, her superhuman skills receive a workout in "Underworld: Awakening," a brisk creature-feature that leaves behind the series' dreary mythology in favor of a more direct, action-oriented approach.

Swedish directing duo Mans Marling and Bjorn Stein manage to bring a bit of visual flair to the bloodletting

along with another quality previously in short supply — competence.

And with the movie in Imax 3D, fully expect glass shards, silver dust, and blood spurts to come flying for your face every few minutes.

These elements either make "Awakening" the best movie in the "Underworld" franchise or the worst, depending on how deeply you value the series' previous strained attempts at myth-making.

In this installment, there is a workable (and easily solved) mystery surrounding the 12-year-old girl (played by India Eisley) who was frozen in the same laboratory with Selene, presenting a nice addition to the storyline.

And the movie wastes little time setting up a scenario that pits vampires against humans and steroid-pumped lycans, in numerous CGI-aided scenarios.

Beckinsale finally manages to perfect the monotone delivery she's been honing for the series' first two entries. When accused of being cold, she tells the girl at one point, "My heart's not cold. It's broken."

There were great opportunities for emotional growth, although I was a bit disappointed Beckinsale held off until the very end of the movie—but at least Selene's character grew, as would be expected.

But if she hadn't shown her weakness or emotion, at least she has all that spandex and leather to keep her warm.

One of the outright pleasures of the "Underworld" franchise has always been watching fine British actors—such as Michael Sheen, Bill Nighy,

Derek Jacobi—chew scenery along with various other body parts.

But "Awakening" gives us two new additions: Stephen Rea, playing a mad scientist with and rough past and secrets to hide, and on the other side of the spectrum, Charles Dance as the pragmatic leader of one of the last remaining vampire covens.

The only issues seen with the movie are two things: 1) the lack of the "human side" of the story, something only hinted at two or three times, and 2) the starkness of contrast between black and white, good and evil.

In previous movies, both the vampires and lycans have been in the right and wrong, but with this installment, it's quite clear that the lycans are completely in the wrong—something that takes the "gray" area out of play.

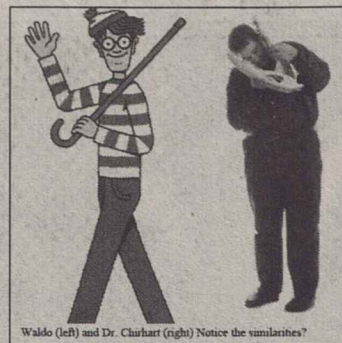
But this break-neck, breaking and entering finale is equal parts macabre and awesome. By the end, the walls are dyed red with pints of blood, and there is an opening for a fifth and final installment to the "Underworld" franchise.

With a little bit more added depth and perhaps an extra twenty minutes to explore the other sides of the story, "Underworld: Awakening" could have been better. That's not to say it wasn't great to begin with.

The elements of this film are sure to leave the audience breathless, but take heed. Most critics either dismissed the movie completely or gave it a bad review. Personally, as an avid "Underworld" fan, I was nothing short of blown away with the fourth film, and I highly recommend this film.

"Underworld: Awakening" was nothing but an action-packed, quick-passing, 88 minutes of ass-kicking, gore, and a bit of drama ending in a bloodstained car garage and the search for refuge from a raging war between humans and the supernatural.

Where's Chirhart?



John Ramsey
Contributing Writer

Remember when you were a kid, and you would look at pictures for hours to find a guy? We're not talking about Match.com; we're talking about Where's Waldo!

Centenary is bringing an interactive version of Where's Waldo to the campus via our official Facebook page. This time, you won't be looking for the goofy Waldo, but instead, you'll be looking for the cunning Dr. Chirhart, one our very own Centenary

professors.

There will be five rounds of Where's Chirhart starting Monday (Feb. 13th) and ending Friday (Feb. 17th).

Log onto www.facebook.com/CentenaryCollegeLa at exactly 10:50 a.m. (11 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday) next week for a photo of Dr. Chirhart in a crazy pose somewhere on campus. Upon seeing the image, quickly run to the same location and take a picture of yourself in the same pose as Dr. Chirhart.

The first person that posts an image of himself or herself in the same spot and pose on the Centenary Facebook page wins a prize.

"Like" the official Centenary Facebook page today to get a competitive edge!

SGA from Page 1

Burnham said, "The issues regarding meal plans, the Cafe, and Randle's service were issues I felt were the most interesting and helpful." Hughes, Harmeyer, and Livsey all agreed that the issue concerning food at Centenary was the most important topic covered.

A great deal of students use printers on campus. Printers placed in more areas on the campus than just the library was brought up. While the pros and cons were weight of where to put more printers, the library seems like the only place where the printers can be supervised to prevent abuse of them.

Another issue concerning the library more specifically involves the drop box. Books are being returned on time, but since the drop box is not often checked, late fees have been charged.

So this does not happen to other students, it was suggested that the drop box simply be taped off, or at night before the Library closes have a worker be responsible for checking the drop off box.

Another topic brought up was the sprinkler system at Centenary. The sprinklers tend to water concrete, walls, and occasionally grass. No matter the time of day, or weather conditions, the sprinklers continue to run.

Students were concerned about the waste of water, and were informed that Centenary doesn't pay for the wa-

ter. Upon learning this it was suggested that the person that is might not appreciate for paying for watered sidewalks.

The final major issue addressed was the What's Happening? emails. Communication majors that attended the meeting, Nathan Yacovissi especially, pointed out that they were poorly formatted.

Of course students don't want to go back to the old system where an individual email is sent for everything, but it was proposed that What's Happening emails be split into separate categories (i.e. sports, organizations).

All of these issues concern the students here at Centenary. The help of SGA can be requested, but students must also take initiative to better their college experience.

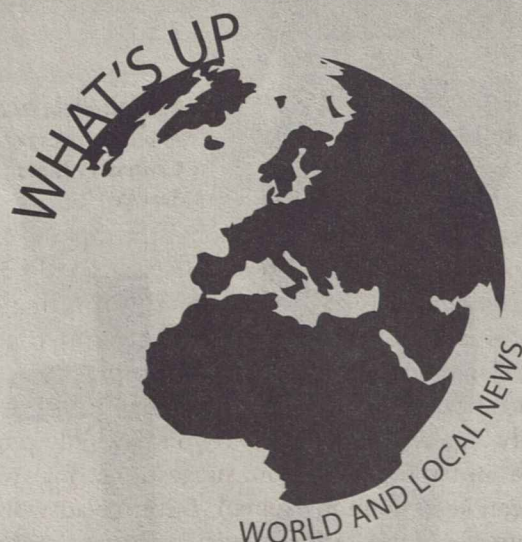
When attendees were asked about what they thought could be done to have more students show up to forums in the future Burnham said, "I think a little bit more specificity in the topic of the forum would help, along with more catchy and widespread publicity." Livsey put it best when he said, "There is an overwhelming sense that the student population believes it is ignored, so they do not utilize opportunities to speak. They need to be shown that the forums bring results."

There is ONE spot open for the Bahamas mission trip!

Don't miss out! We will be going to the Island of Eluthera during the week of Mardi Gras Break, February 19-25th.

Cost is \$1680

To sign up, email Laura Vaughan (lvaughan@centenary.edu) or stop by her office (SUB 07) down by the mailboxes!



Contraception Vending Machine

Vending machine offerings at a Pennsylvania university are expanding beyond the world of junk food and into the world of contraception.



Free Syrian Army

One fateful consequence of President Bashar al-Assad's ferocious crackdown on Syrian protesters is the emergence of the domestic armed resistance, the Free Syrian Army.



Falkland Islands

Wednesday, Britain dismissed a complaint from Argentina about the "militarization of the South Atlantic" as tensions rise regarding the Falkland Islands.



Uganda Anti-Homosexual Bill

Ugandan Anti-Homosexual Bill
A Ugandan lawmaker has revived a controversial bill that makes engaging in some homosexual acts punishable by death

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Shreveport Opera provides favorable twists to "La Tragedie de Carmen"



Julia Puac
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February 4-5, 2012, the Shreveport Opera performed "La Tragedie de Carmen," a condensed version of the original Carmen Opera by Bizet at the Riverview Theatre.

In this adaptation of the opera, the gypsy Carmen (Eliza Bonet) is brought back to life by gypsies to find herself reading her tarot cards. Her future predicts an encounter with Don Jose (Cody Austin), an injured corporal in the French army. She finds him and in a set of trances and gypsy chants that she makes in front of him, he falls madly in love with her.

This condensed version of the Carmen opera shows Carmen falling for two different protagonists, though she does not end up staying with either of them.

The opera, while condensed,

was still beautiful—though a little short (ninety minutes) for the taste of someone who has seen the three hour long opera.

The singers brought out the full potential of each character, Eliza Bonet especially. Many renditions of this opera cast a soprano for Carmen, but the mellow change in tone of Eliza Bonet's mezzo soprano voice gave a twist to the feel of the character. I felt that it made Carmen more charming and alluring.

Cody Austin is a tenor that is quickly becoming one of the most promising singing actors of his age. He graduated from the Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia, and critics say his voice has "a warm, rich quality...which produces an evenness that is rare."

I found this to be true, and think it's also what gave more life to the mellow, weak-hearted Don Jose of

"La Tragedie de Carmen."

"I liked it a lot, and I thought it was interesting. I will definitely be going to see more operas after seeing that one," said sophomore Alyssa Smith.

The opera also had a twist to the music: instead of the loud, full symphony that is required in the real Carmen opera, this shortened version also called for a smaller group of instrumentalists.

Only 15 members of the Shreveport symphony played during the performance, giving a quieter but still thrilling instrumental taste to the show.

It was a show to hear and enjoy from both the instrumentalists and the performers.

Do not miss out on the next show, "Madame Butterfly," featuring some of Centenary College's own music department students!

Facebook Timeline to affect everyone

Chad Nelson
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Opinion/Editorial

For those who use Facebook I have some news concerning the Facebook "timeline". For the Facebook users who totally dislike change, this will be bad news. Facebook reports show that the new timeline feature will be mandatory for all users.

So some may ask, what is this "timeline" you speak of? According to Facebook, the timeline is a section of a Facebook user's account that replaces the profile and wall pages and merges them together. It shows the story of your life, as you choose to tell it or as Facebook has recorded it, in a visual, scrolling, reverse-chronologically ordered timeline. It's a cross between visual blog and on-line scrapbook.

The visual representation of this timeline in my opinion is atrocious. I feel that the users should have the option to choose the timeline feature, but this is not the case. There are both good and bad things with this timeline feature that Facebook has graciously bestowed upon us.

Pros:

With timeline you can further personalize and cus-

tomize your profile with a cover image at the top of the page.

You can view your recent activities, or look at the post you made from the beginning of your Facebook time.

The poke button is impossible to find. That is always a great thing. This will stop those annoying creepers from poking you.

Cons:

The Facebook layout and timeline is great except for the ticker tape news feed. It is a bad eyesore. Things on the page seem to be crowded.

It's mandatory. Timeline will soon be visible to all, so go review what is on your timeline before it is resurfaced.

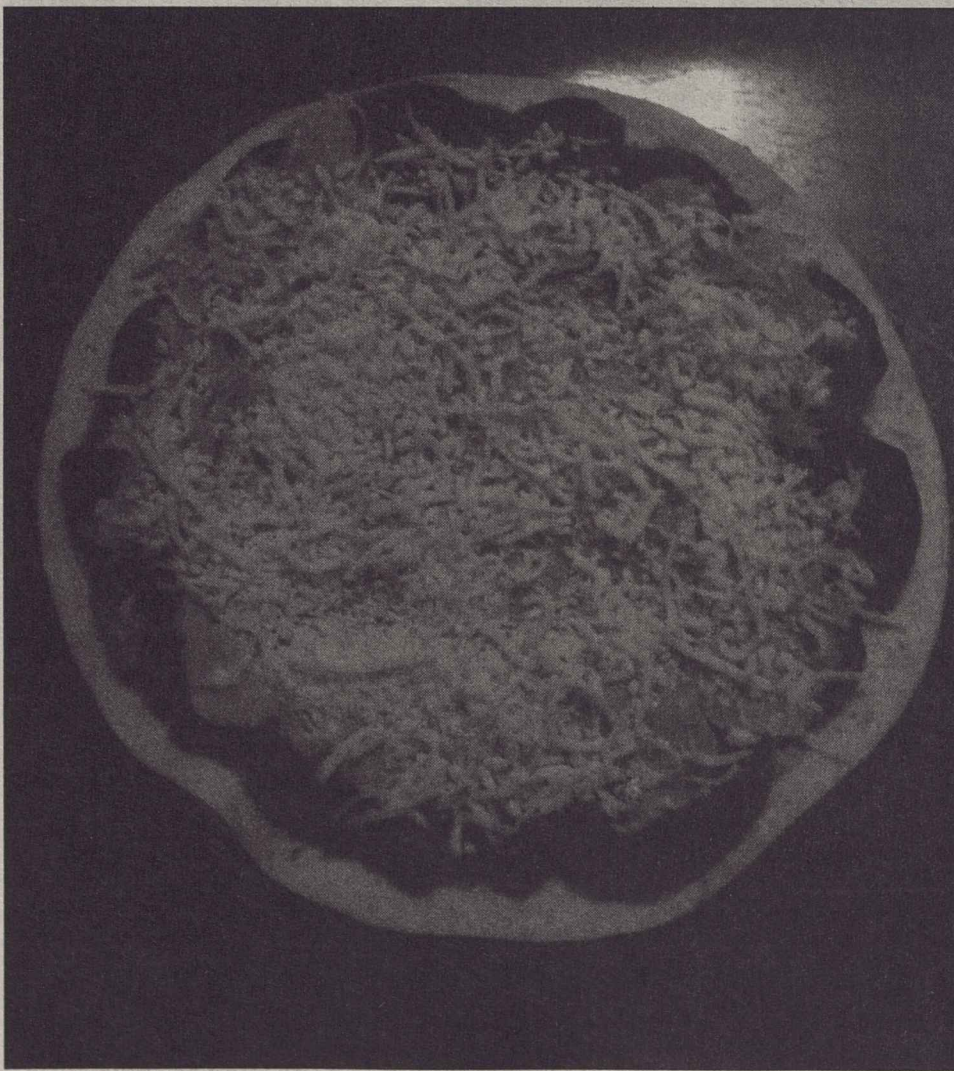
If you're not careful you will get embarrassed. Yeah, those sassy stories or controversial articles you read will be published to your Timeline.

So remember, guys: Facebook might get you a lot of friends, but it is not your friend. Facebook is yet another business trying to gain revenue and does not care about privacy.

So be careful for what you post. You do not want your timeline to bring back haunting stories from the past.



Quick Fix: Pizza Roll Ups



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OP/ED

When is the best time for pizza? Anytime. When can you have pizza? Whenever the pizza places are open. So what do you do when you want pizza at midnight (which isn't a really good time to eat since it's so late)? You make Pizza Roll-Ups!

When I first saw these, I thought, "why had I never thought of making these be-

fore?" They are so simple!

What You Need:

1 Tortilla (10 inch)
Pizza Sauce
Spinach
Mozzarella Cheese

What You Do:

1. Spread the Pizza Sauce on the Tortilla. Be sure to leave about half an inch around edges because when you roll it up, the sauce will spread.

2. Add Spinach covering

the entire Tortilla

3. Sprinkle Mozzarella Cheese over top.

4. Microwave for about a minute until the cheese is melted.

5. Roll the Tortilla up like a burrito

6. Let it cool for about three minutes then slice it up.

If I want something a little more filling than this, I add turkey to it like I did in the picture. You could also add pepperoni or whatever

toppings you like on pizza.

I also like to add cheese to dip it in. The best kind I've found for this is the spicy nacho cheese that comes in a can. I found it across from the Spanish foods at Wal-Mart. It tastes like the spicy cheese that Dominos gives you for bread sticks.

I usually make it the night before and refrigerate them. You can keep them in the refrigerator for at day, but if you keep them in there any

longer, the tortilla starts to get mushy.

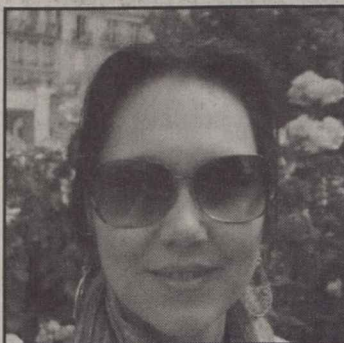
They taste good cold so you don't have to reheat them, but the dipping cheese does not taste good cold, so you should warm that up in the microwave. If you don't it's really lumpy.

Bon Appétit!

If you have any requests or suggestions for recipes email Deon Wadsworth at dwadsworth@my.centenary.edu

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AND THE OSCAR GOES TO...

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Staff WriterAndrea Violet
News Editor

Think YOU know who's going to win?

We do.

Here are the nominees that two of our staff writers think will come away with Oscar wins.



BEST PICTURE

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BEST ACTOR

E: Gary Oldman (Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy)—the riveting role in this drama/thriller shows not only how great an actor Oldman is, but how versatile he can be in character roles.

A: Leonardo DiCaprio (Inception)—this role of vulnerability, passion, and strength was fulfilled well by DiCaprio. He embodied the memory of Hoover, and caused the audience to feel a though they had gone back in time.



BEST ACTRESS

E: Meryl Streep (The Iron Lady)—no one could have played the famous Margaret Thatcher the first female Prime Minister of England. She is commanding and elegant in this role, one of her best performances yet.

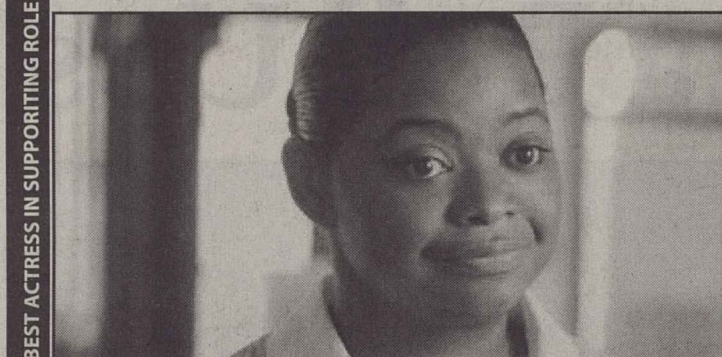
A: Rooney Mara (Girl with the Dragon Tattoo)—Mara lifted the character straight out of the book and fully embodied every facet of her character. Spot on portrayal and role fulfillment.



BEST ACTOR IN SUPPORTING ROLE

E: Jonah Hill (Moneyball)—the ever-entertaining, hilarious Hill is the perfect sidekick to any lead actor. He keeps the laughs and good times rolling.

A: John Krasinski (Something Borrowed)—Krasinski is the crowd pleasing mixture of funny, witty, loyal, and lovable. It's difficult not to fall in love with his character and feel his happiness and disappointments along side him.



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BEST ANIMATED FILM

E: Rango—the animation in this animated adventure is excellent as well as imaginative.

A: Happy Feet 2—the animation in this movie was inventive, unique, lovable, and all around entertaining.

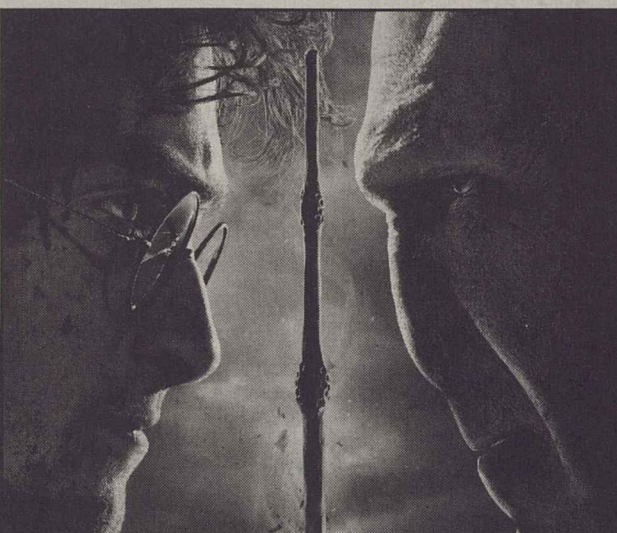
BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY



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A: War Horse—while the storyline itself might not be the best, the images moving across the screen can intrigue anyone, creating a mélange of vibrant, creative scenes. —The storyline was awful, but it was well made up for in the cinematic quality of the movie.

BEST ART DIRECTOR



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BEST COSTUME DESIGN

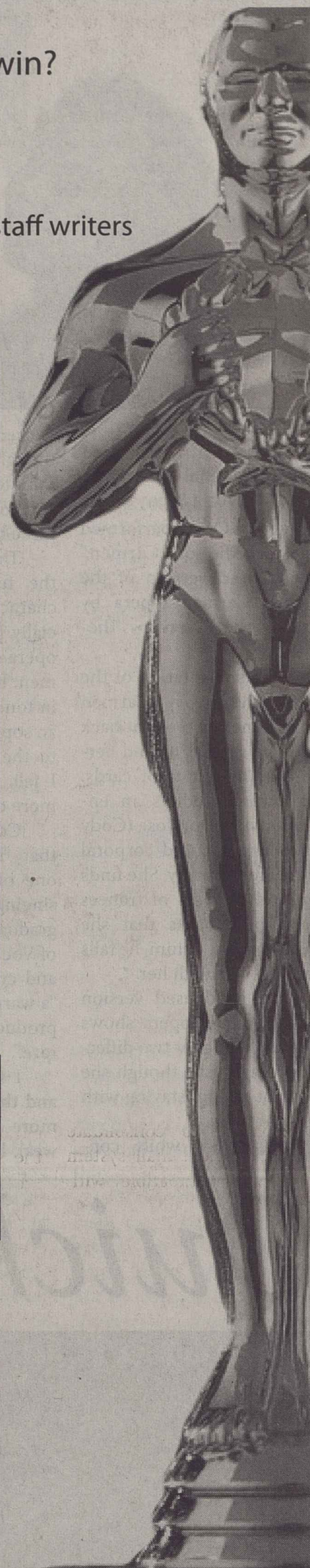


E: Anonymous—while this was a terrible film based off of crazy conspiracy theories, the costumes throughout the piece were excellent and spot-on with the time period.

BEST DIRECTOR



A: The Artist—for a director to take a silent film and make it as intriguing and enthralling to watch has to have substantial talent.



“The Artist” is comical, thrilling

A must-see for fans of silent films

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Opinion/Editorial

The Robinson Film Center showed Oscar nominated French film “The Artist” (or “O Artista”) January 20-22 and 27-29. The movie is a black and white “silent” film set in Hollywood, 1927- just before the dawn of “talkie” films (films that had sound).

As a silent film aficionado, the idea of a recently-filmed silent movie that involved a tragic love

tale piqued my interest. “The Artist” did not disappoint: this movie exceeded all of my expectations.

George Valentin (Jean Dujardin) runs into a very excited Peppy Miller (Bérénice Bejo) who slipped out past the crowd of fan girls standing outside of a theater. Tabloids soon filled the Hollywood scene with pictures of Miller planting a kiss on Valentin, asking “Who’s that girl?” The publicity sets the fire for Peppy Miller to seek a job in the film industry.

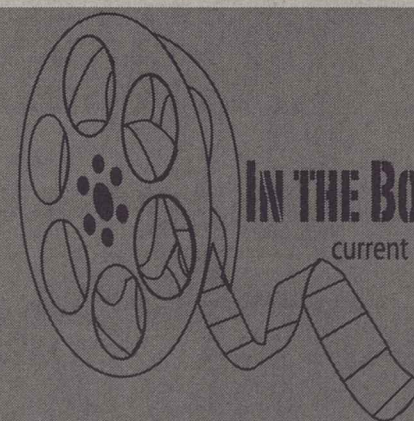
In a comical, thrilling experience, Peppy Miller gets her best push into stardom from Valentin, who later runs into misfortune after turning down the opportunity to work with “talkie” films.

The film is a great love story with a predominant story of how the struggles

of one artist also affect the others that care about them. The score included remarkable remakes of classical pieces from silent films during that era. The film itself is a must-see for any silent film movie-goer.

The film was nominated for six Golden Globes, the most of any film from 2011, and won three; Best Motion Picture - Musical or Comedy, Best Original Score, and Best Actor - Motion Picture Musical or Comedy (from Dujardin).

In January 2012 the film was nominated for twelve BAFTAs and ten Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Director and Best Original Screenplay for Hazanavicius, Best Actor in a Leading Role for Dujardin, and Best Actress in a Supporting Role for Bejo.



IN THE BOX OFFICE

current releases at local theaters

THE BOARDWALK:

Journey 2: The Mysterious Island
an IMAX 3D Experience
Safe House
Star Wars: Episode 1 – The New
Phantom Menace 3D
The Vow
Big Miracle
Chronicle
The Woman in Black
The Grey
Man on a Ledge
One For the Money
Red Tails

Now Playing and
Coming Soon at The
Robinson Film Center:

Albert Nobbs
Moonbot Studios Presents “A
Night with Bill Plympton”

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After the song was over, Shelton said, "Ahhh, it's a good lookin' guy too! Even I know that's a good lookin' guy, Christina." Once Aguilera saw Duron, she repeatedly hit the button. Unfortunately, it was too late.

Aguilera said, "I'm pissed!" and "Now we all hate each other for not pressing our buttons."

All had high praise of Duron, and Aguilera even

thought he was adorable.

Duron walked off the stage holding his smile and was embraced with hugs from his family backstage. Hopefully, Duron will see this as a learning opportunity and continue his music career.

Maybe there will be a wild card round this year, and Duron will be asked to perform again--and maybe, with a bit of luck, he'll be selected.

More Changes: Centenary's new e-mail system

Andrea Violet
News Editor

Most of us do not like change and find it very annoying when we are forced to learn something new and different. This may have led some of you to wonder, "What's up with this funky new Centenary e-mail system?"

The decision to switch e-mail systems was actually not made by Centenary's IT department. The switch was a mandate set forth by Microsoft as their way of consolidating their own system.

Prior to this mandate, Microsoft was running two separate e-mail systems, Hotmail and Outlook Live. In order to streamline their productivity, Microsoft chose to consolidate to the single e-mail system that was compatible with the Microsoft Office Suite and was deemed by Microsoft to be a "good standard," said Scott Merritt, Director of Information Technology at Centenary College.

Initially, IT hosted student, staff, and faculty e-mail systems. A few years ago, the department was tasked with developing a long-range plan for e-mail. The original plan was to use Microsoft Exchange, which is essentially a communication hub that includes not only e-mail, but also an impressive calendar system and contacts portal.

The problem with this plan, however, was that with

the faculty, staff, and students all being pulled under the new system, the cost would be extremely high in comparison to letting student e-mail be hosted off campus.

With this dilemma, the decision was made by IT to let student e-mail be hosted off campus. The only question left was whether to go with Google or Microsoft.

Google never responded to multiple attempts at contact by Centenary's IT department. This led to the choice of using Microsoft for the student e-mail. In the long run it was the better decision because of ease in communication with students, faculty, and staff all being on Microsoft systems.

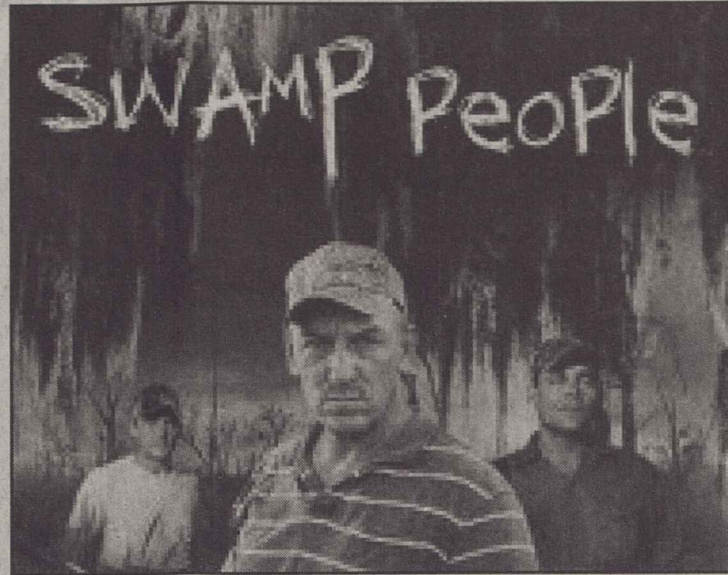
Another bonus of having the student e-mail hosted off-site is the ability of the students to retain their school address after graduation. This would not be possible with IT's resources if student e-mail were to be hosted on campus.

The only input that Centenary's IT department had in the transition was to implement the timeline. The rest of the decision for the transition was made by Microsoft themselves.

"This is happening to a lot of colleges across the nation," said Merritt.

Hotmail is still running, but only temporarily. There is no definite cutoff date for the system, but Microsoft publicized that the cut off would happen in early 2012.

Louisiana Takes Over Hollywood



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Opinion/Editorial

Yep, that's right: Louisiana has taken over Hollywood.

With a slew of new shows taking place in Louisiana, the bayou has become a thriving place for reality television. It all started with the hit show "Swamp People" on the History Channel. One of the most common phrases known now, coming from the thick-tongued Cajun Troy Landry, is "Choot 'Em."

"Swamp People" follows multiple groups of people in south Louisiana that hunt alligators for a living. Bumper stickers, t-shirts and other paraphernalia plaster all of Louisiana. After two successful seasons of Swamp People, Louisiana has been hit with a massive amount of television shows, including such titles as "Bayou Billionaires," "Caged," "Cajun Pawn Stars," and "Billy the Exterminator."

"Bayou Billionaires," a CMT sponsored show, takes place Shreveport. According to IMDb, "Bayou Billionaires" is a show about the

Dowden family, whose house sits on the fourth largest natural gas deposit in the United States. The show takes the viewer into the new-found lives of the Dowden's, and what living on a pot of gold can do for a person.

"Caged," an MTV production, takes place in Monroe. "Caged" involves a mixed martial arts style of fighting like that of UFC fights. MTV describes "Caged" as a show about small town friends and their lives while trying to make it in the amateur fighting world.

"Cajun Pawn Stars," another product of the History Channel, takes place in Alexandria. The show was created as a southern spin-off of the already running History Channel show "Pawn Stars." The History Channel expresses "Cajun Pawn Stars" the Cajun way of "pawn and trade." The Silver Dollar Pawn and Jewelry Center is over 20,000 square feet has been in operation for over 25 years.

Who could forget Billy the Exterminator? An A&E television production, Billy the Exterminator is everybody's favorite Louisiana

exterminator. Have a pest problem? Snakes invade your house, cockroaches lay beds everywhere, termites inhibit you walls, or vermin lining you pipes? Call Billy! As A&E explains, Billy Bretherton owns Vexcon, a pest removal company, where his brother, mom, and dad help run the business. Billy has traveled the United States controlling pests. So never fear when Billy is near!

As great as it sounds to have your state plastered on television, it seems kind of unfair how Louisiana residents are portrayed by these shows.

Freshman Amber Kovac, a Monroe native, said, "Well, I think it's cool that Louisiana is on television, but I feel like it gives people the wrong idea about Louisiana."

Mansfield native sophomore Julia Puac also added, "I don't think we're depicted accurately. It depicts some areas of Louisiana, like lower Cajun land, but as far as concern for central and northwest side, it doesn't depict us at all in an accurate way."

To give credit to the opinions of outsiders, Junior Kelly Johnstone, a Mesquite, Texas native who has lived in Shreveport for the past six months said, "I don't think it represents Louisiana at all. Not from what I've seen."

It seems as if Louisiana is being inaccurately being portrayed by Hollywood. So, is this takeover a good thing?

That depends on how a Louisiana native views themselves and their opinion of the people that have been fortunate enough to be placed in front of a camera and show what their life is like.

Tech News: Linux Tablet Sparks Interest

Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

The tablet market adds a little more variety.

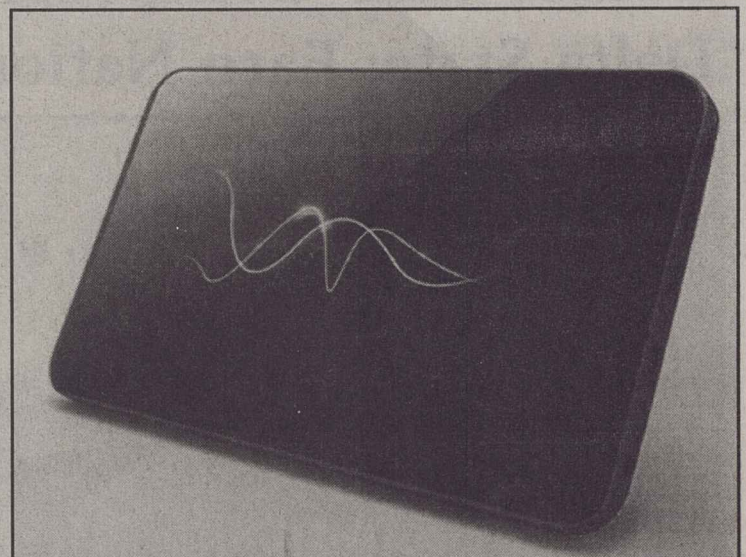
Recently announced in an article in technetworld.com, the "Spark tablet might prove to be the first Linux-running open source tablet fully capable of being modded by users." It has an open Linux stack on unlocked hardware and will come with an open content and services market.

KDE developer, Aaron Seigo, expects it to be priced at about \$265. It will also be offered as a device made for customization and project-specific integration.

Jeff Orr, a senior practice director at ABI Research told Linuxinsider, "This is an interesting project in the sense that it's changing the way individuals would interact with their device. I think it's going to cater to the hobbyist, those who are going to maybe look to introduce computing into a system or a physical service people interact with."

The physical hardware on the device looks the same or similiary to many of the tablets currently on the market.

The spark has two USB ports, a microSD slot, a 3.5mm audio jack, 7-inch multi-touch capacitive resistor screen with 800 by 480 resolution, WiFi and a



1.3 MP front-facing webcam. It will be a 1 GHz AMLogic ARM Cortex-A9 CPU, and it has a Mali 400 graphics processing unit, 512 MB of RAM and 4GB of storage.

Users may modify the device as they see fit. This tablet runs Mer, which was based on Ubuntu 9.04. The user interface is KDE Plasma Active and the Spark will link up to OwnCloud open source hosting services, the Kolab groupware solution and Kontact, the integrated personal information manager of KDE.

Those who buy the Spark tablet will be able to use the regular Mer repositories and Open Build Service. It is open and complete distribution development platform designed for compilation of packages for multiple Linux distributions.

The downside to this? The person must be able to

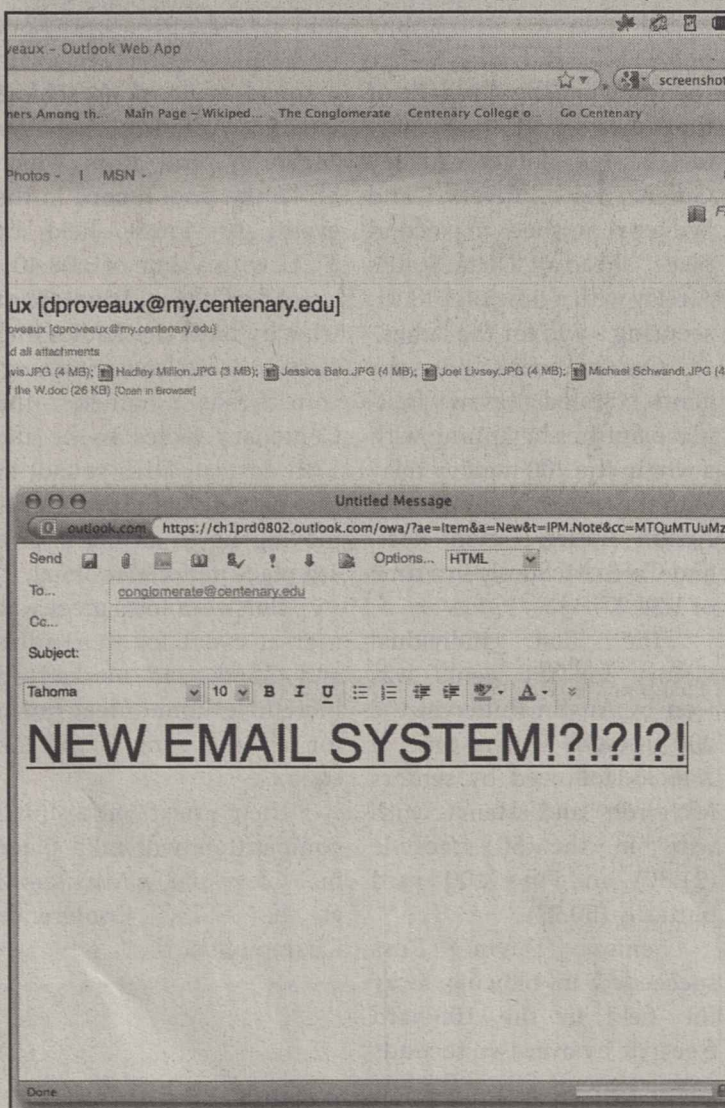
use Linux.

No worries for those without that experience. Developers of Spark are providing an add-on store offering books, applications, desktop widgets and services. An online store will not be software-specific, so its back end will be released as open source once the design has been tested and implemented in production.

A major downside of this product is that it is really only targeted towards one audience. Techies or folks that are familiar with this type of open source coding would be the only ones interested.

The tablet market is focused more on the consumer experience, and the Spark fails to satisfy those needs immediately.

The device expects to be shipped this May.



SPORTS

Keep Up the Momentum



Stephanie Wright
Staff Writer

The Ladies gymnastics team posted 188.600 this weekend in Norman, Oklahoma. This was the team's second highest all around score this season.

"We started out really strong, and you could definitely tell that we have been working hard in the gym," said junior Amanda Holt.

Starting on the floor exercise, the Ladies had a great warm up and looked strong. The top scores for this event came from junior Jessica Lieblisch posting a 9.625, closely followed by seniors Melody Smith and Lauren Carlton both earning a 9.575.

"We had a few minor deductions that we can and will definitely focus on in the gym this week," said junior Meg Crowley.

Next the Ladies went to vault. Christy Martinez was the Ladies' top scorer on vault, posting a 9.750. She was able to upgrade her vault

this meet and it scored very well.

The next top score came from Lieblisch posting a 9.600.

"As you can see, upgrading our vaults will be crucial for getting our team all around score higher," said Head Coach Jackie Fain.

"We are working on this diligently in the gym, and hopefully you will see some great vaulting scores very soon. I am very proud of Christy; she had a beautiful vault."

The gymnasts went to the uneven bars next. Posting a new season high event total of a 46.675.

"I'm so excited that we did well on bars today" said Lieblisch. "It is not our strongest event but it's a great feeling when we all do well on the same day. We are definitely not settling for this score, we can do better; but I think we did a great job today on bars. Our hard work and focus in the gym has really paid off."

The top scores came from senior Stephanie Wright posting a 9.625 and

Lieblisch posting a 9.550.

The Ladies finished up on the balance beam with a less than strong performance. The two top scorers were Carlton posting a 9.550 and Crowley posting a 9.625.

"I'm not quite sure what happened on beam today" said Carlton. "We had a great warm up, but honestly beam is a very mental event. If you aren't one hundred percent focused on what you are doing you could fall, its only four inches wide! But I know what happened today is only going to fuel us at practice which will help us for next time."

The Ladies had two all-around gymnasts this meet: Lieblisch posting a 37.900 and, first time all-around competitor, Smith posting an impressive 37.050. This was Smith's first time competing all four events in her four years here at Centenary and she did a great job.

All four scores from both Lieblisch and Smith counted toward the team all around score, making them both crucial members of the Ladies Gymnastics team.

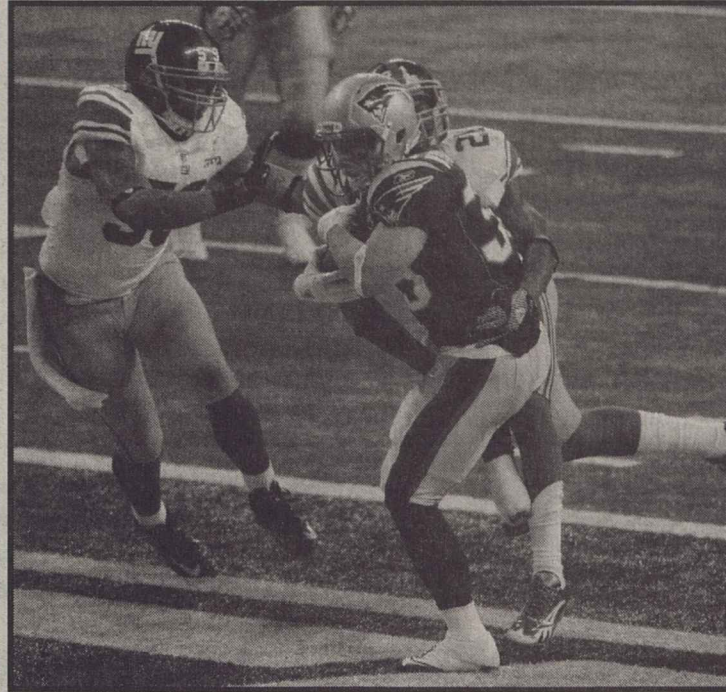
This meet was also freshman Sylvia Keiter's first time traveling.

"I had a great time traveling! I finally felt like a legit college gymnast and my team looked amazing! There were a few flaws here and there but nothing we can't fix," she said.

Unfortunately, she has been injured this season and has not seen any action but she is expected to be a great asset to the team.

The Ladies compete next on Saturday, February 11, again at TWU in Denton, Texas. Go Ladies!

Giant Déjà vu for New York over Patriots



Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

The game of the year was set last Sunday night, as the best of the AFC and NFC would match up for Super Bowl XLVII.

Playing in Indianapolis, the Patriots and Giants had about two weeks to smack talk and build on the hype looming from the 2008 Super Bowl. This one did not disappoint. This Super Bowl featured the #1 team in the AFC, the New England Patriots, and the #4 seed, who had to win the last week of the season, the New York Giants.

Madonna was performing half time, and if that wasn't good enough, you always have the commercials.

This game was close the entire way through. The Patriots broke a scoreless tie with a field goal, in just over thirteen minutes of the second quarter. Neither team broke into the end zone until the end of the first half.

With just eight ticks remaining, the Patriots would cap a 14-play, 96 yard drive to take the lead 10-9 into halftime.

It was the Pats coming out in the second half on the first possession with a 79 yard drive for another

touchdown and seemed to be in good position the rest of the game. The Giants had enough fight left and put together drives that resulted in two field goals along with good defensive stops.

Entering the fourth quarter down 17-15, the Giants couldn't move the ball against a tough Pat's defense.

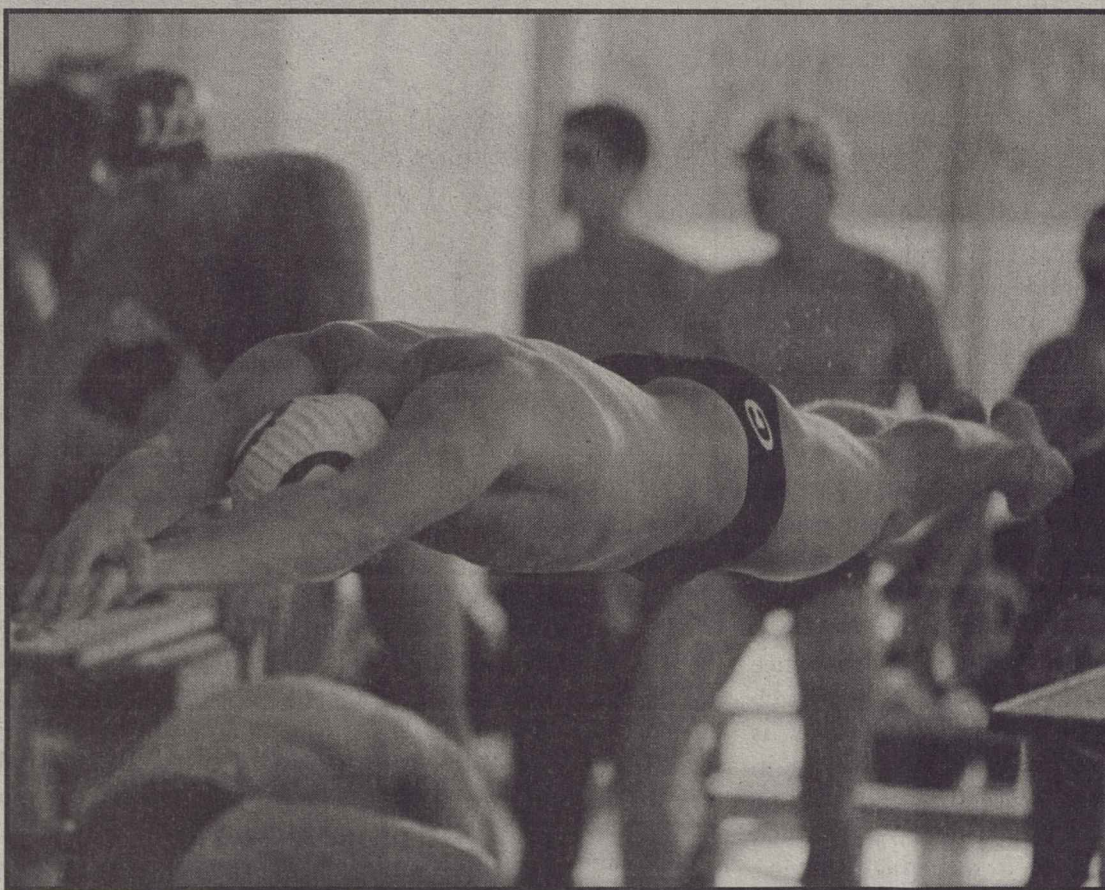
Eventually, the Giants had the ball back with 3:53 to go and needed to make a scoring drive. The very first play was a deep throw caught at the fifty yard line by Mario Manningham. The Giants were able to move ball into Field Goal range, but would get a touchdown with a little less than a minute remaining. Sound familiar?

The Patriots made a valiant effort but were unable to collect on some late deep throws.

The New York Giants are the winners of Super Bowl XLVI and QB Eli Manning received MVP. It was another year where no one saw the Giants coming, and while this team isn't the New Orleans Saints, Green Bay Packers, or San Francisco 49ers, they have won two Super Bowls in four years.

Congrats on a great season, New York, and good luck to all the NFL teams in the 2012-2013 season.

Ladies and Gents Triumph Over Delta State: Earn National Rankings



Kate Rivers
Staff Writer

At their last home meet for the season, the Ladies and Gents swim team pulled out a dual win over Delta State University, giving the swim team seniors an incredibly memorable last home meet.

This win was especially important because Delta State is considered to be one of Centenary's top foes for the NSISC conference championships.

On the girl's side of the

competition, six first place finishes highlighted the meet's swims. The relay team of Chelsea Russell, Brittany Wilkens, Hayley Schneider, and Allison Jones started the meet off with a win in the 200-medley relay with a time of 1:52.19 which was good enough for the fifth fastest time in Centenary history.

Russell had a great meet with two additional individual wins in the women's 200-yard individual medley and the women's 100 butterfly, with

times of 2:13.82 and 1:00.55 respectively.

Also earning first place finishes for the ladies were Laura Huning in the 100 freestyle with a time of 55.44, and senior Lauren Lassiter in the women's 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:02.26.

Heading into the late event, the women's 400 freestyle relay, the ladies found themselves in the lead by a delicate 1 point and needed to secure a victory in

order to capture a win for the team.

The relay team of Schneider, Kayla Thornhill, Lassiter, and Huning stepped up to the challenge and ended up in first with a time of 3:22.87.

Showing the strength of the ladies squad, the B relay of Cassie Cloutet, Ashley Giffen, Kate Rivers, and Wilkens finished in second place, ahead of Delta State's A relay with a time of 3:48.81, securing a win for the ladies.

On the men's side, the gents totaled seven first-place finishes beginning with a win in the 200 medley relay with the team of Peter Henry, Austin Butler, Devin Ross, and Caleb McSorely in a time of 1:34.27.

The first individual victory for the gents was won by Austin Butler in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:46.33, followed by seniors McSorely and Henry with wins in the 50 freestyle (21.30) and the 100 yard butterfly (50.97).

Senior Devin Ross succeeded in blowing away the field in the 100-yard freestyle by over two seconds with a time of 46.12. The last

individual win for the gents came from Michael Schwandt in the 100-backstroke with a time of 53.32.

The Gents dominated the final event of the afternoon taking first and second place in the 400 freestyle relay with a squad made of up seniors Henry, Anthony Leblanc, McSorely, and Ross which broke the pool record in the event, previously held by TCU, with a time of 3:08.40.

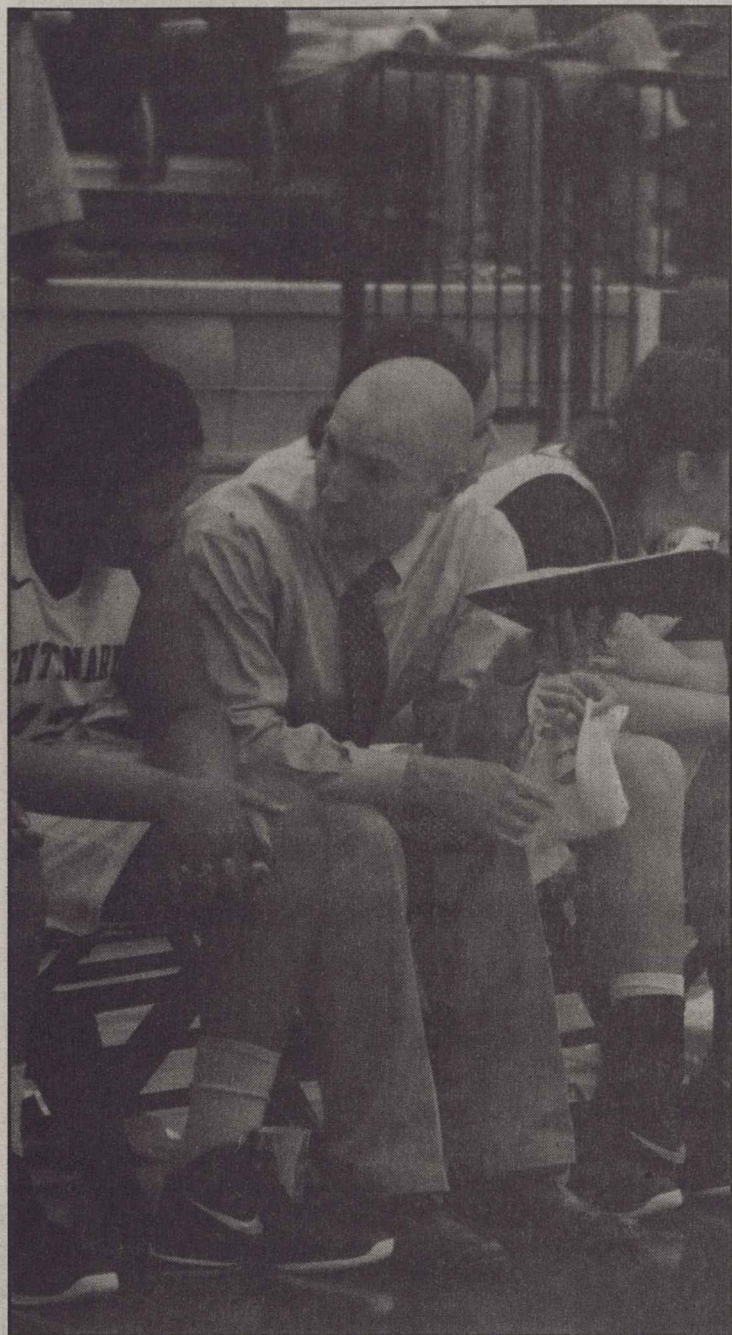
After these triumphant wins by both the Ladies and Gents, "collegieswimming.com" has named the Centenary ladies to be the 17th fastest DIII squad in the nation, with the Gents moving up to an impressive 4th place national ranking.

This weekend's meet was a great event for the Ladies and Gents, and marked an incredible home meet finish for all the seniors on the squad.

Their next and final competition will take place in Cleveland, Mississippi at the NSISC Conference Championships.

SPORTS

Thomas Has Breakout Game in Ladies Loss



Chistian Prince
Staff Writer

As the final two weeks of the season wind down, the Ladies basketball team traveled to Arkansas for one of their three road games left in the season.

The Ladies were looking for payback when they took on the University of the Ozarks Lady Eagles for the second time this week.

In their first match-up at the Gold Dome, the Ladies suffered an 11 point loss to the Lady Eagles. Now, as the Ladies traveled to the Eagles nest, they again suffered a loss by a margin of 13 points.

Even though the Ladies endured the loss, freshman Derrany Thomas played an astounding breakout game. She scored 14 points, knocking down three threes, had three assists, made it to the free throw twice, all coming off the bench for 28 minutes of play.

Senior Megan Daniel seemed to struggle on the offensive end for much of the night. It wasn't until midway through the second half that she put points on the board. By the end of the game she only accumulated 10 points, a low number for Daniel.

Junior Jalena Sanders had 10 points and nine rebounds, and Kelly Johnstone contributed another 10 points for the Ladies before

she fouled out late in the second half. Freshman Dionece Warr snagged a double-double in the loss, grabbing 10 boards and 12 points in only 22 minutes of play.

Nearing the final minutes of the game, the foul count seemed stacked against the Ladies. Johnstone fouled out, while two other players had four fouls. The rest of the team didn't have any foul issues.

Lack of rebounding seemed to hurt the Ladies yet again. They were out-rebounded 46-58.

Also, free throws played a large part in the game. The Ladies were 11-15 (73%) and the Lady Eagles were 26-31 (84%). The final score of the game was Ladies 66 Ozarks 79.

The Ladies have four games remaining in the 2011-2012 season. Their final home games will be on Thursday the 9th, which is "Think Pink" night, and Saturday the 11th, which is Senior Night. The Ladies will recognize one senior, Megan Daniel, for her astounding career as a Centenary Lady.

February 16th the Ladies head to Clinton, Mississippi to take on Mississippi College and on the 18th they travel to Pineville to play Louisiana College in their final game of the season.

Good Luck Ladies! Finish out the season strong!

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

Baseball Season is finally here ladies and gentleman! The young Gents took the field against the Hendrix College Warriors to start off the season. The Gents took two games out of the three game series.

Saturday's game was delayed for a few hours due to an abundance of rain. The first pitch was thrown at 3:00 sharp at Shehee stadium.

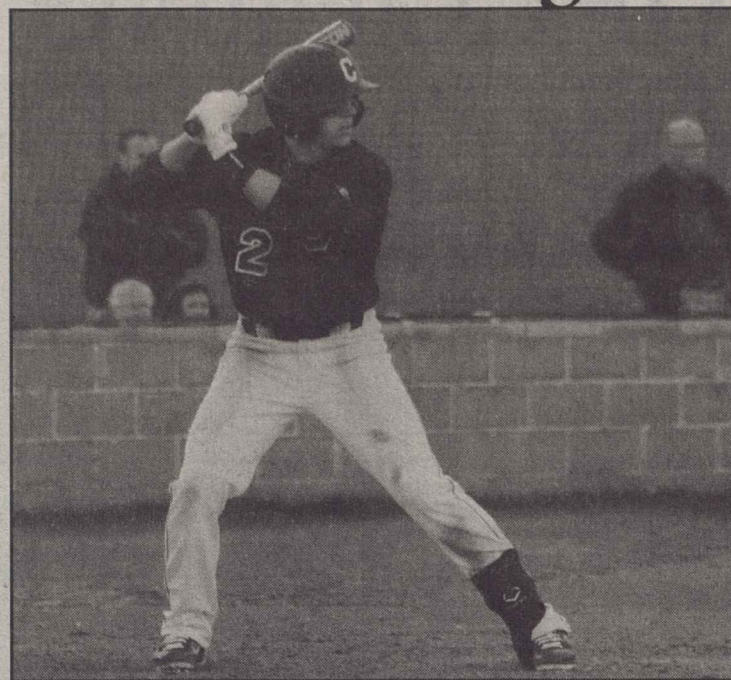
Taking the bump for the Gents in the opening game was Cole Thompson. Thompson, a lanky but efficient pitcher, threw a lot of pitches in the first inning. The Warriors were able to pick their pitches and go up by two runs early in the first. Overall, Thompson allowed four runs and walked one in his three innings of play.

The Gents struggled with pitching in their game opener. Coach Mike Diaz had to rotate many of his pitchers to slow down the Warrior's offense.

In the fifth inning, the warriors were able to put up eleven runs to take a comfortable lead. Late in the game, freshman Peyton Stover proved himself on the bump, pitching really well against the Warriors. Then the Gents got some offense together and put up six runs in one inning to close the gap.

However, the game came to a close with the Warriors winning 21-12. Junior Tyler Clakley led the offense with a 4-for-5 performance and three RBIs, and senior Kyle Morton batted 2-for-4 with two RBIs.

Juniors Matt Creamer, Ryan Gasporra, Jamari James and senior Kyle Morton each



scored two runs.

The second game of the double-header was a different story for the home team. The teams only played seven innings, but the Gents took care of business. They had exceptional pitching, taking the game to 6-4.

Senior Lance Nugent got the start and showed some nice pitches to throw off the Warriors swing. Nugent pitched a solid 5.1 innings, allowing five hits.

Coming in to relieve was freshman Taylor Henry. Henry, making his debut as a collegiate pitcher, really impressed the home crowd. In his final inning, Henry collected three strikeouts to get his first save for the season.

Offensively, the Gents were able to rely on the senior Jeff Schaffert, who had a huge double in the fourth to trigger a four-run inning. Also collecting RBI's for the Gents were juniors Matt Creamer and great small ball play from Craig Littleman.

With great pitching, comes a great game. The Gentleman hosted their

final game of the series on a chilly Sunday afternoon. The transfer, Chase Clarke, came to show his stuff on the mound and pitched lights-out, pitching four scoreless innings for his time during the game.

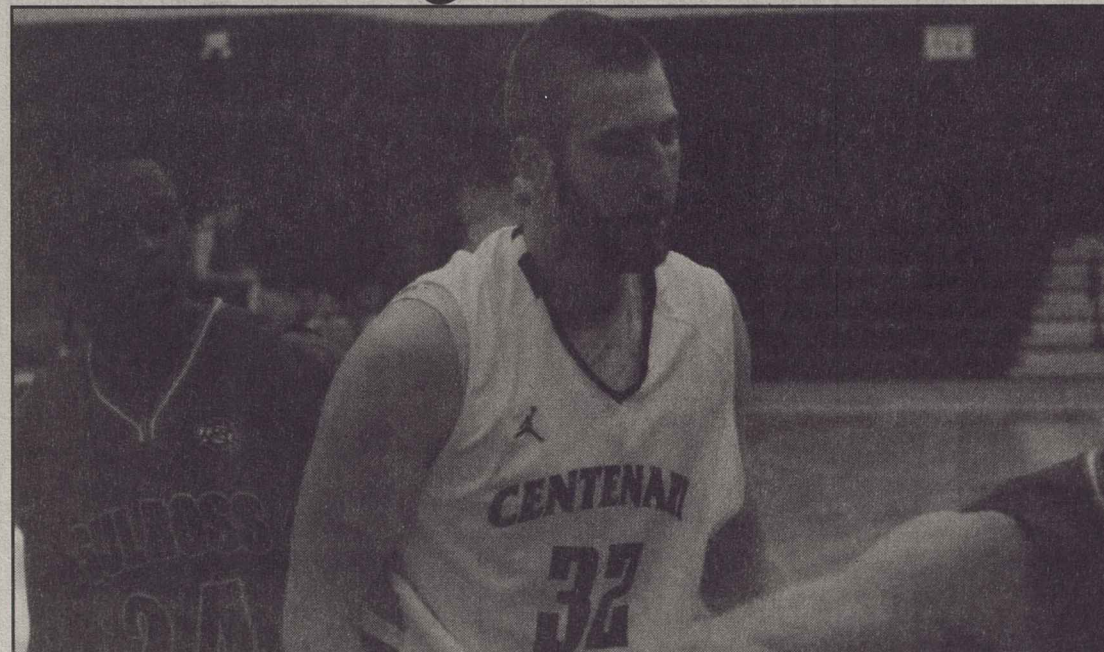
Schaffert set the tone early in the game getting a triple bringing home two runs to get the Gents to an early lead. Hendrix made it close in the middle innings, scoring three runs off of Gent reliever, Nic Parrott.

However, the Warriors were never able to get closer than one run. Coming into relieve once again was Henry, who pitched the final 3.1 innings to earn his second consecutive save.

The defense of the Gents was top play quality. Clakley, Creamer, and Lazarou made difficult plays look easy to the fans.

The Gents will return to action on Tuesday, February 7th when they will play a double header against Texas College. The Gentleman plan to continue their great ball playing and would love your support.

Ozarks Edge Gents on Road



Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

The Gents traveled to the University of the Ozarks to face the Eagles on Saturday, February 4th.

It was a big weekend for Centenary Athletics with many different sports competing. The Gents were able to defeat the Ozarks at home, but it is always difficult to defeat a team twice.

The Gents started off the game by putting themselves in a deep hole, going scoreless in the first three minutes. The Eagles, just as they did in the Gold Dome, came out finding their offensive rhythm quickly going on a 9-0 run.

The Gents were not able to find their own rhythm

shooting (8-27) 29.6% in the first half. They were able to knock down free throws to keep themselves close going into the half. The score was 30-42, with the Eagles in the lead.

The second half was a different story for the Gents, coming out strong, slowly getting back into the game. A strong rebound by Nakwaasah and two free-throws at the 7:49 mark tied the game at 56-56.

As the game progressed, Colby Woolverton of the Ozarks was able to carry his team to a lead with 2:16 left in the game. Johnathan Blount and Saro Ntagha brought the Gents within two 70-68, but Marcus Bobb was able to play some crucial defense to

hold off the Gents.

The Gents were not able to get any closer as the final seconds played out bringing the final score to 80-75.

The Gents were not able to bounce back from their 7% shooting from beyond the arc. Woolverton, with 18 points, and three other Eagles in double-digit figures added insult to injury.

The Gents were led in scoring by Senior Maxx Nakwaasah with 21 points and Jonathan Blount with 19. Caden Cheramie also put up 13 points in their loss.

The next game for the Gents will be February 9th at the Gold Dome.

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February
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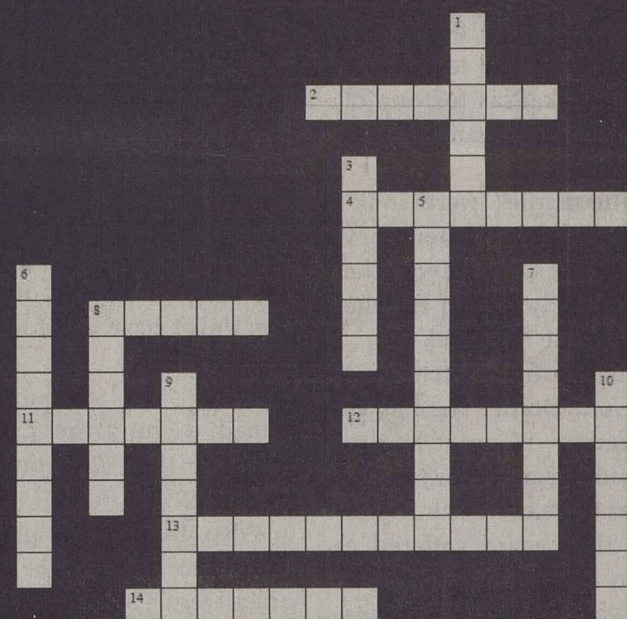
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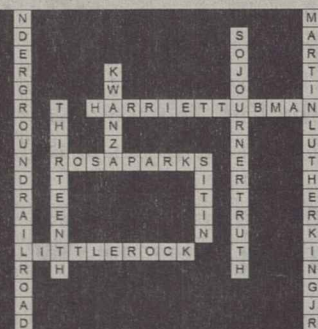
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Career Services Early Spring Events

Date/Time	Event
January 18th 10:00am–3:30pm	In the Career Services Center there will be a info session with the Dalton Group. During this session they will also be holding interviews for Internship positions.
February 28th 6:00pm–8:00pm	In a location to be announced, there will be an Alumni-Student mixer for Business Majors. Juniors and Seniors will have the opportunity to meet and network with area alumni in the business world!
March 7th 7:00pm–8:30pm	In the Kilpatrick Auditorium, there will be a fashion show held in conjunction with the "College Lifestyles" website. The show will focus on "Interview Fashion." Come and learn about what not to wear!
March 12th Mickle 114	During the CA 253 Career Strategies class, there will be a panel of 4-5 alumni in various career fields present to speak to students. This Career Symposium will allow students to network, ask questions, and get ideas about what is available for them as Centenary graduates. This is open to all students on campus!
March 14th 5:30pm–8:00pm	To kick off this event, there will be a Mocktail Reception held in the Anderson Atrium at 5:30. Following mocktails, there will be an Etiquette Dinner held in the Whitled room at 6:30. RSVP is required so be watching for more information!
March 19th Mickle 114	During the CA253 Career Strategies class, there will be a CAREERlink/ LinkedIn information session. This is open to all students to come and learn more about how CAREERlink and LinkedIn can help them find jobs, internships, and connections!

If you have any questions about the events listed above, please don't hesitate to contact Lisa Rauschenbach via email at lrauschenbach@centenary.edu or at 869-5746.



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DPS Revives R.A.D. Course

Free self-defense course for females in the Centenary community



Female practices defense tactics with a certified R.A.D. instructor.

Ashley Lynch
Editor in Chief

Senior Jenna Squyres, only five-foot-two and 120 pounds, didn't think that she would be able to take on someone much larger than her--especially not a police officer.

But our Department of Public Safety's Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) course empowered her to do just that: respond defensively to an attacker, regardless of her size.

The course was last offered in fall of 2010, and Squyres remembers the experience fondly.

"I learned a lot and I feel much more confident than I did before. I'm more aware of my surroundings and feel more safe," she said.

The class offered hands-on opportunities for her to practice self-defense techniques, including one exercise where students tested a new skill on pumpkins.

"There are a lot of fun activities," she said. "You won't want to miss out on this opportunity."

The opportunity she's referring to? The fact that, after a short hiatus, DPS will be re-opening the course once students return from Mardi

Gras break.

The course will be four weeks long with several attendance times offered each week to accommodate student schedules. The location is currently undecided, but will most likely take place in the Whited Room or Kilpatrick Auditorium. Interested students should keep their eyes on the "What's Happening" for updated location information.

The first week will have three separate dates for students to attend: February 27, 29, and March 1. The classes will run from 7 to 10 p.m. Only one night of attendance is required per week.

"We care about females on our campus and we want to empower them against would-be attackers," said DPS Sergeant Shawn Fertenbaugh, one of the officers coordinating the sessions. "This course will provide them with useful techniques and the knowledge to defend themselves in undesirable circumstances."

Centenary's campus security report shows a significant decrease in reported rape cases since 2008, when 10 forcible sex offenses were reported on campus. 2009 showed a drop in cases to 0, while 2010 increased to 2 for the year.

Men are prohibited from attending so that moves will remain private and valuable for female defenders. However, there are R.A.D. courses geared toward other genders

and conditions.

"There is a R.A.D. course available for men, children, seniors, and those who are disabled," said Sgt. Fertenbaugh, "but I'm not certified to teach any of those courses."

In order for him to teach additional courses, Sgt. Fertenbaugh would have to attend 30-50 hours of training per type, depending on the mastery level of each option. The cost of certification for each program is \$300-500 per course, which doesn't include travel costs.

"If there's enough interest in the women's course, we could look in to providing other courses," he says.

A perk of the program: graduating from the course allows you to look up and take refresher courses in any area of the country for free. Students interested in brushing up on their techniques need only show their certificate of completion, which will be rewarded once they finish the course.

Students aren't required to attend the last week, but Sgt. Fertenbaugh says it's one class that they "won't want to miss."

Dress comfortably. Wind pants, shorts, and yoga pants are suggested: no tight jeans, skirts, or dresses. Sneakers or tennis shoes should be worn as well.

For more information, please contact Sergeant Shawn Fertenbaugh at sfer-tenb@centenary.edu.

Living Learning Communities moving forward

Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

The past two years have brought several changes to the residence halls. Something that has been in the development process are the Living Learning Communities (LLCs).

"Centenary students are working to address some of the 21st century's greatest challenges," according to the mission statement for Living Learning Communities, which is located on the Centenary website. These students are teaming up with faculty, professionals, and community members to identify a problem, understand it, and take steps to solve it.

In the fall of 2010, Le Quartier Français was formed in the west wing of the first floor of James Proper. This Living Learning Community had students wanting to focus on speaking French. Those living here are trying to increase oral proficiency in a fun and relaxed environment.

In the fall of 2011, the opposite side of James Proper formed the "GreenHouse" which is seeking sustainability on campus and in the community.

Two prospective communities, Santé and Node, are in the process of being developed and implemented next fall in 2012.

Santé is currently a "learning community"

that has begun working on projects where they partner with the community. Their mission as stated from their website is "to improve the health of some of the least advantaged people and graduate students who are committed to improving global health and prepared for careers of service, both nationally or internationally."

Santé will expand into being a "Living Learning Community" next year and will continue their current projects with Martin Luther King Health Center. They are also planning on laying the

groundwork for a network of NGOs and government agencies to coordinate care in Shreveport similar to ProjectAccess in Dallas.

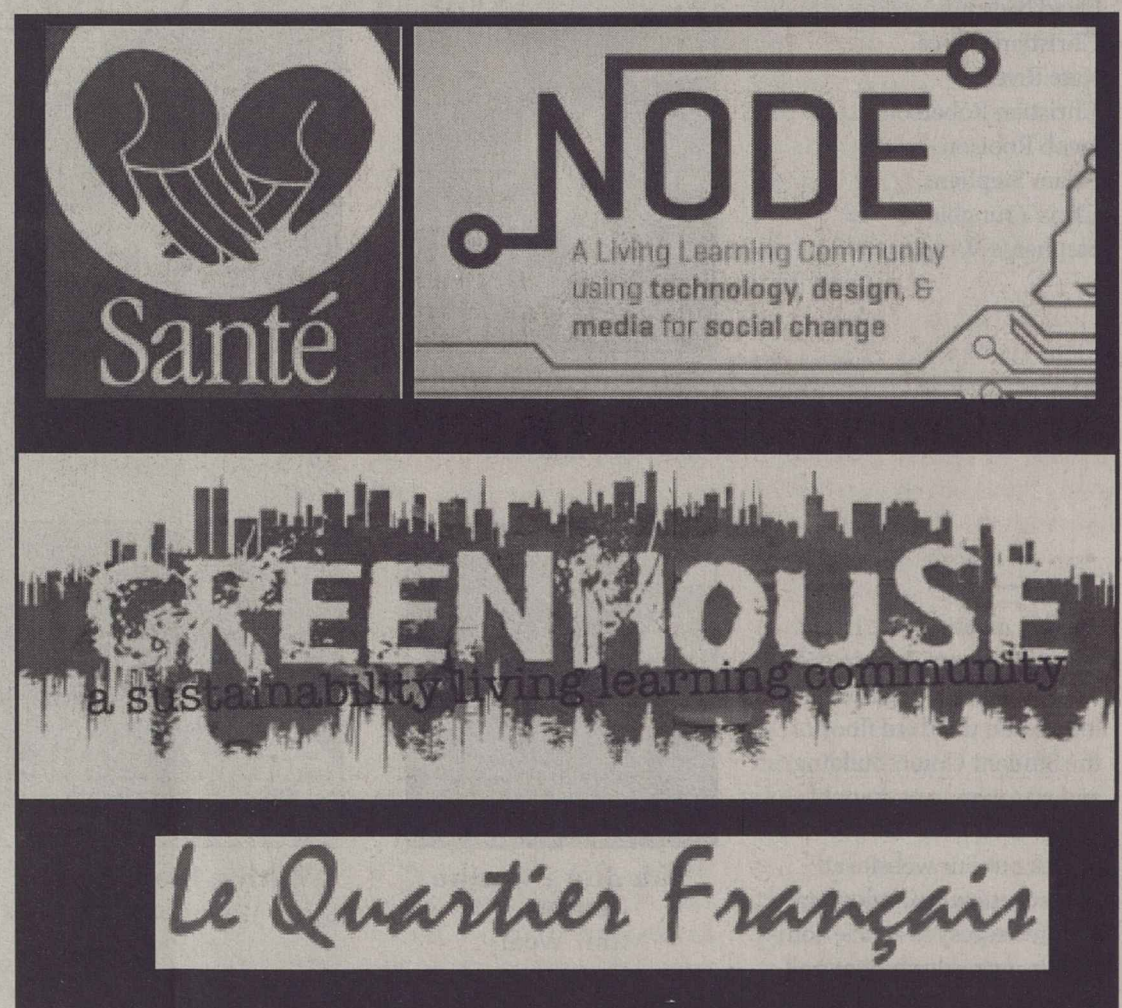
Node is the place for you if you want to: use social media to connect people, use phone apps to increase productivity, use games to help people, use digital media to examine social issues, and use technology to explore alternate realities. This LLC will have Centenary students involved in production of these technologies with a focus on social change.

All four of these Living

Learning Communities will be placed somewhere in James Hall in the 2012-2013 Academic School Year. Le Quartier Français and GreenHouse expect to be in the same place with Green House overflowing on the east side of the second floor of James Proper, pending applicants.

Santé will have as much of the second floor of James Annex as needed and Node will be placed in the west wing of the second floor of James Proper.

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Letter from the Editor: Mid-term examination

Ashley Lynch
Editor in Chief

We're at the midpoint. You know, the point in the semester where we students crack open our books for the first time to prepare for those midterm exams?

Just kidding, professors. Already, our community is moving toward wrapping up another year at Centenary. It's been an awkward transition year for many campus departments and organizations, but it has also been a progressive year for others.

Our front page article for the week shows that DPS is bringing back a course that had been "in the works" for over a year and a half. The course, previously conducted by former DPS Captain Joy Aull, has been absent from our campus while the department transitioned to new leadership and worked to find course times

that would best work with student schedules.

DPS Sergeant Shawn Fertenbaugh & Co. will be holding courses weekly for the four weeks following Mardi Gras break. Unfortunately, it's only open to ladies right now. Sorry, gents.

New offices have joined the campus, as well. Learn about what's been going on with the Office of Professional Discernment on page 5, including what amenities they offer for students.

Our Lady and Gent athletic teams have been performing swimmingly this year, so if you haven't already attended a game, do so! Spirit has been a real treat as more and more students make it out to support our sports.

Not to mention, free TOMS shoes. Thanks for that one, CAB—I'm looking forward to my first pair.



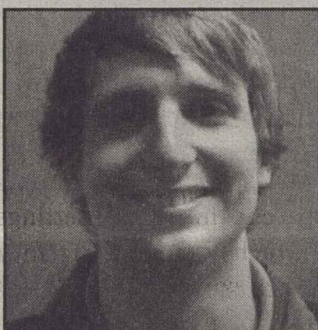
Career Services Early Spring Events

Date/Time	Event
January 18th 10:00am–3:30pm	In the Career Services Center there will be a info session with the Dalton Group. During this session they will also be holding interviews for Internship positions.
February 28th 6:00pm–8:00pm	In a location to be announced, there will be an Alumni-Student mixer for Business Majors. Juniors and Seniors will have the opportunity to meet and network with area alumni in the business world!
March 7th 7:00pm–8:30pm	In the Kilpatrick Auditorium, there will be a fashion show held in conjunction with the "College Lifestyles" website. The show will focus on "interview fashion." Come and learn about what not to wear!
March 12th Mickle 114	During the CA 253 Career Strategies class, there will be a panel of 4-5 alumni in various career fields present to speak to students. This Career Symposium will allow students to network, ask questions, and get ideas about what is available for them as Centenary graduates. This is open to all students on campus!
March 14th 5:30pm–8:00pm	To kick off this event, there will be a Mocktail Reception help in the Anderson Atrium at 5:30. Following mocktails, there will be an Etiquette Dinner held in the Whitened room at 6:30. RSVP is required so be watching for more information!
March 19th Mickle 114	During the CA253 Career Strategies class, there will be a CAREERlink/ LinkedIn information session. This is open to all students to come and learn more about how CAREERlink and LinkedIn can help them find jobs, internships, and connections!

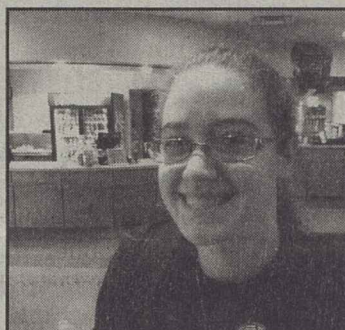
If you have any questions about the events listed above, please don't hesitate to contact Lisa Rauschenbach via email at lrauschenbach@centenary.edu or at 869.5746.

Question of the Week

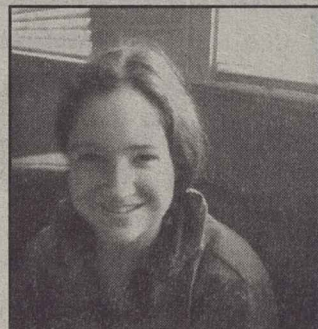
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Valentine's Day stalker?



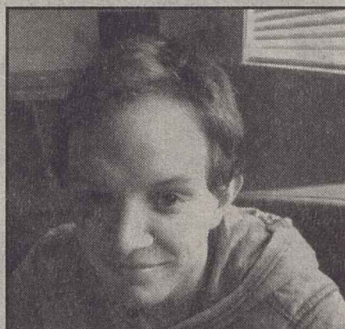
Block them on Facebook
Marion Paton, Senior



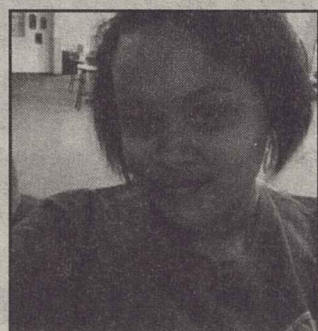
Give his name to my boyfriend.
Holly Moore, Junior



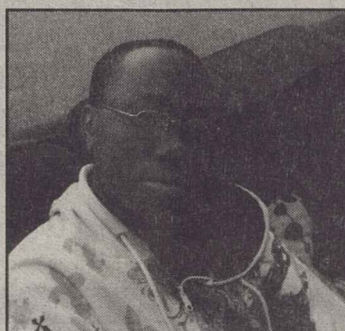
Hire an assassin.
Cassie Warden, Sophomore



Use the Force.
Dustin Sexson, Freshman



You don't wanna know.
Mimi Weary, Freshman



With a blowtorch
Chris Youngblood, Junior

UPs & DOWNS



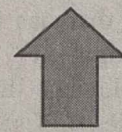
Mardi Gras Break

Getting our beads on and taking a nice breather from school!



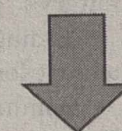
Valentine's Day

Free CANDY!



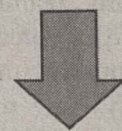
Casino

Prizes galore and lots of fun.



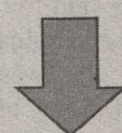
Whitney Houston

I hope life treated you kind, and I hope you had all you dreamed of.



Faculty/Staff "scooting out"

Why you leave me? Why you no stay?



Gas prices are back up...

Now we'll never get home.

Fitness Center Classes

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7:00 am	-	-	Yoga	-
7:15 am	-	Total Body	-	Total Body
11:15 am	-	ABS	-	ABS
Noon	Pilates	Yoga	Pilates	Yoga
4:35 pm	-	-	-	-
5:00 pm	-	-	Boot Camp	-
5:30 pm	-	Cycling	-	Turbo Kick
6:00 pm	Zumba-	Zumba-		

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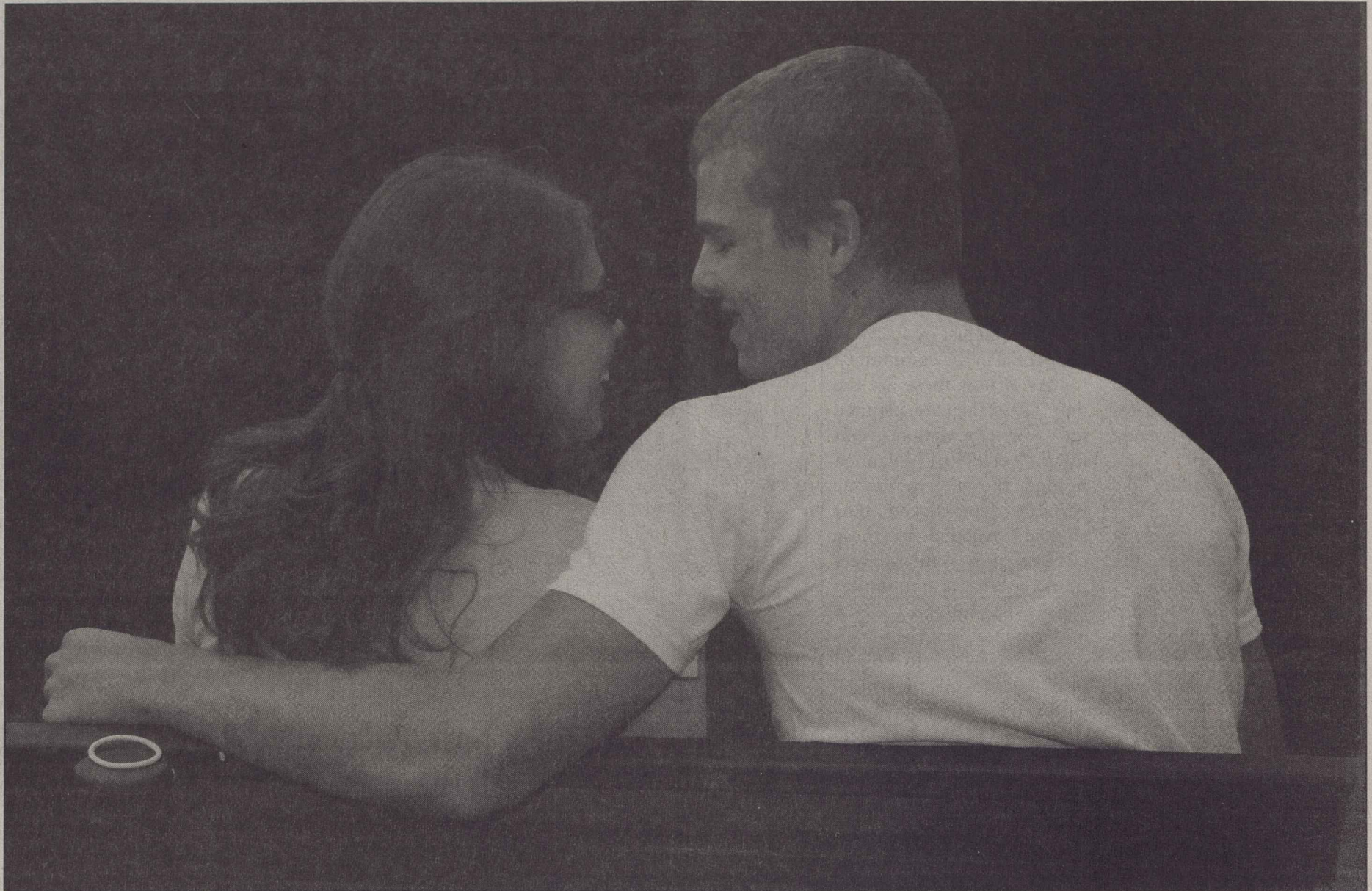
Mon-Thu: 6am - 10pm
Fri: 6am - 6pm
Sat: Noon - 6pm
Sun: 2pm - 6pm

Pool Hours

Mon-Fri: 11am - 2pm
Mon Night: 8pm - 10pm
Wed Night: 6pm - 10pm
Sat & Sun: 2pm - 6pm

NEWS

Dating on the decline: say what?



Andrea Violet
News Editor

With Valentine's Day having just passed, it is likely that all of the single students on campus experienced the feeling of not having a significant other to celebrate with.

According to Alan Rife-man, a professor of human development and family studies at Texas Tech University, there may be an increasing number of us who will

count ourselves in the single category.

LaSalle University sociologist Kathleen Bogle, author of the 2008 book *Hooking Up*, established through her research that there have been three primary ways in the past for young adults to establish romantic and sexual relationships.

The first occurred until around 1920, with "calling" being the primary way to establish a relationship.

This was a very formal way, and included the man "calling upon" the woman in her home with her parents' permission.

The second occurred between the 1920s and 1960s, with this phase coined by the word "dating". This became the main method to establish a relationship due to circumstances not previously available, such as automobiles.

The third, characterized by the term "hooking up," has

become more popular since the 1960s, and has been seen mainly with the emergence of the college crowd taking part in that is becoming a phenomenon on college campuses. Young adults have started socializing (read: partying) in groups, rather than one-on-one interaction.

This phenomenon is apparent in social settings in which young adults may choose someone to "hook up" with rather than date.

These often are one-time occurrences, and often with someone that individual is not too familiar with.

This leaves the question up to the individual – What is more important to you, having a sexual relationship or a romantic relationship?

Because a sexual relationship will not necessarily lead to a romantic relationship, and both parties may not get the outcomes that they are expecting.

Centenary travel grants: funds to explore



Erika Lunsford
Staff Writer

As a part of the requirements for graduation, all students must complete Trek, a three-part program including community, culture, and career. As part of the culture element, students can go on May Modules to places international, domestic, and local.

There are eight international modules planned for the summer of 2012. Students can go to quite a few exotic and exciting locations.

Modules are as follows: Greece: Life amid the Ruins; North Germany: Discovering Its People; Paris: The Quest for the Good Life; Haiti: Aid and Culture; Australia: Cultural Diversity in the Land Down Under; Ecuador: Intersections of Environment and Culture; Northern India: A Study of Religions; and Ni-

caragua: Tropical Biology.

Each destination is tailored to a specific set of majors, but students are not restricted solely by their major. They are allowed to choose whatever module they wish (and can afford).

Domestic modules include the Mississippi Delta, which focuses on Art, Music, and Literature associated with famous landmarks along the Delta and Memphis, TN.

There is also the Four Corners Region (NM, UT, CO, and AZ) module, which focuses on Native American culture in the West.

Finally, there is one local module—Significant Otherness and Our Inner Ape: Intercultural Engagement at Chimp Haven National Chimpanzee Sanctuary.

Of course, if none of these modules strike your fancy, there is the Indepen-

dent Module option; however, the student must submit an application in order for his/her independent module to be considered for approval. There are also many requirements the module must meet in order to be approved.

But what happens when you can't afford a module?

Obviously, the domestic and local modules are less expensive for this reason, but many students want the opportunity to travel abroad.

So, what can be done to help meet the expenses of an international module? There are travel grants that a student can apply for from several providers: Centenary, online, community businesses, and other schools/institutions.

A travel grant is a specified amount of funds awarded to a person or group of people. Some are need-

based, while others are solely based on the quality of the application.

The travel grant offered by Centenary College takes several factors into account, such as the two mentioned above. The Centenary travel grant restricts the recipient to only overseas modules.

Outside travel grants might cover more expenses, but there are stricter stipulations for them. For example, the specific award may have strict terms for which the money can be used. These travel grants, however, may cover the full cost of the module.

The application process is similar across the board. Most grants require an application much like a scholarship. It may ask questions, require an essay, maybe even FAFSA information to determine need.

No matter the grant, many students find they need outside funds in order to pay for Module, and grants offer students the opportunity to receive money that does not have to be paid back.

One such student is Centenary junior Karley Aiken. She has decided to go to India for May Module. After she applied to the Centenary travel grant, she was selected.

Although she was unable to say how much she received, Aiken said, "The Centenary travel grant is the most accessible." Upon receiving the award, Aiken also said "you [just] have to send a "Thank you" note."

Unfortunately, the total award amount is \$1,000, and this amount can be split up between several students. This isn't much help to the masses of students that need most of the module expenses covered, but it does give a few students some funds.

Hopefully, in the future Centenary will be able to expand the travel grant to give more funds and increase the amount of each award. All of this depends on donors and funds, however.

But a little money is better than nothing. And if students need more than the Centenary travel grant can provide, check online or ask local businesses or organizations for sponsorship or grants for May Module.

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Living Learning from Pg 1

already emerging from these communities.

Greenhouse is currently working on several projects this semester. They include the "Food Group," "Composting," "Coates Bluff," and "The Tribe." All four of these projects are being led by students taking the class. Each project works in different ways to bring sustainability on campus, such as healthier Cafeteria food, to the community with Composting and Coates Bluff, and finally to hosting educational events and uniting the community like The Tribe is doing.

Santé is already beginning projects in the community, but putting a community in a residence hall will help expand the group.

All three professors over this LLC (Dr. Hammond, Dr. Lawrence, and Dr. Ciocchetti) believe that, "providing a place to meet in the halls gives commuters a chance to meet in a common space with residents."

Each LLC will have priority to its own study room that will be used as a common space for meetings and programs. Requirements for living in the halls will vary from LLC to LLC, but Santé will be open for all students, including those living off campus. The professors "really want to emphasize that this LLC is open to a wide range of students."

For those not interested in an LLC, there will still be space for you in the halls. The first floor of James Annex will remain a non-LLC, as will any rooms that don't fill on some of the LLC floors like the second floors of Annex and Proper.

Director of Residence Life, Montgomery Mewers,

says that LLC and non-LLC folks would interact "no different than if two non-LLC students were living by each other." The only difference is that being in one just "adds something else a person is in."

Some programming will be open to students depending on what it is and the event, while others at time may be just exclusive to the people in the community.

As of now these are the only LLCs that are planned for implementation, but more could be planned beyond the next academic year. It depends on how students respond to these current ones, but Mewers thinks these communities will help support "the opportunities that Centenary offers students to blend formal academic learning, with experiences outside the classroom."

All of the LLCs are encouraging a variety of students with different backgrounds to apply. Any returning students at Centenary can apply, so current freshman, sophomores, and juniors are eligible.

If you are interested in any of these, go to www.centenary.edu/llc, and then follow the link to the community that interests you to the form that you fill out to apply.

Le Quartier Français requires an initial statement of interest and will require a placement test. The other three have online forms the applicants fill out. The deadline for Node is March 2 and Santé is March 5.

If you have any questions, contact any of the professors involved with their particular LLC.

International Spotlight: Sara Lassen



Kayla Clemons
Staff Writer

Where are you from?

Aarhus, Denmark.

How old are you?

22 years old, turning 23 on April 30 (the same day as Louisiana celebrates 200 years of statehood!)

What is your major?

English. In Denmark that includes literature, history of major English-speaking countries, and linguistics.

Why did you decide to come to the US?

I knew that I wanted to come to the States because I've been here on vacation lots of times, and I love it here. I had never been to the South and it sounded like a small, nice college, so that is how I ended up in Shreveport.

If you could move anywhere, where would it be and why?

I'm a pretty local girl so I don't see myself leaving Denmark for good any time soon! But if I had to choose, I think living in the U.S. could

be kind of cool (even if it is far away and you don't have free education and health insurance), because the U.S. has a lot of the things that Denmark lacks.

Some Danish philosopher said it pretty well once: "Denmark is my mother and for that she will always be in my heart; but the U.S. is the woman I choose out of love."

What are your hobbies?

Hanging out with my friends and family, watching movies and reading, and music in general. I love singing, and I am trying to learn how to play the guitar.

What are your favorite and least favorite things here so far?

My favorite thing is definitely the American people! Ever since my first visit here, I have loved how people are always so nice, friendly, and helpful – I was here this summer with my family and my American aunt's sister-in-law's brother offered to let us stay at

his house, even though he wasn't going to be there. He just handed us the keys and told us where to leave them, and he had only known us for two days!

I don't really have any least favorite thing, but if I had to choose it would be the food in the caf here. There is so much food that I don't like in general, so I always end up eating the same thing here – I miss Danish food!

Favorite English words?

"Awesome" and "legendary"! I tend to get overexcited about even the smallest things and so people often think that I am too liberal with those words.

What is the dumbest thing people have asked you or said to you since you have been in America?

I haven't heard any stupid things here yet, but on my previous trips here people almost always say: "Oh, Denmark, yeah... that's the capital of Sweden, right?" – I HATE that!

Hardest part about being so far from home?

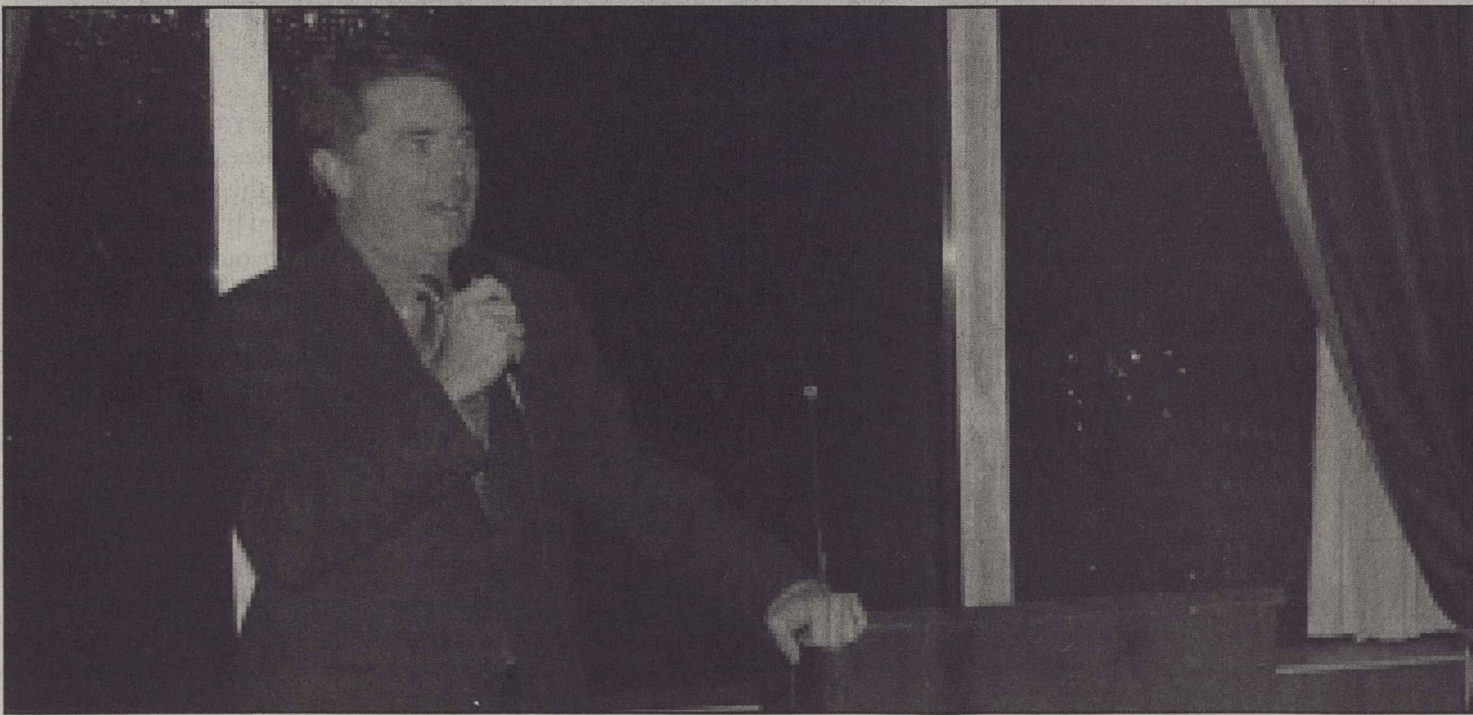
Missing my family and friends! Especially my nephew who is two years old and my niece who is only six months. I miss them so much, and I am so afraid that they are not going to remember me when I get back home.

Favorite bands/movies.

I usually just listen to what's on the radio, I'm pretty mainstream when it comes to music. But I do have a thing for buying soundtracks from my favorite movies. My favorite movies include a lot of the Disney movies from the 90's and "Remember the Titans." I love that movie!

Presidents with the President

Organization leaders meet for dessert social with Dr. David Rowe



Andrea Violet
News Editor

This past week, all of the school's organization presidents gathered together, courtesy of SGA, to meet with Dr. David Rowe. This meeting was a collection of the student body leaders, reconciling their own visions for the school with those of

Dr. Rowe.

Rowe began his 'State of the Union' address to the campus leaders by telling the students that they "are the reason [he does] what [he does]."

He then began to detail Centenary's journey that began back in 1825. Centenary College of Louisiana is the result of the unification of two previously independent colleges, making Centenary

the oldest liberal arts college west of the Mississippi River.

Centenary College of Louisiana was founded with the basic principle of the development of leaders to propel Louisiana forward. This development was difficult due to the fact that the groups attempting to be integrated to form leaders were English Protestants, Spanish-speaking individuals, and French Catholics.

A liberal arts education was the answer to this difficult situation, because the state was dealing with the same global diversity and complexity back in 1825 as we deal with today.

A liberal arts education enables us to "piece together new, never conceived things, then we look at the world in a whole new way," said Rowe.

We are not only here at this school to make ourselves

better people, but to transform ourselves in order to transform the world.

Rowe summed this up by quoting senior Mellyn Baker, "The value of a Centenary education can be measured by the difference its graduates make, which is priceless."

The vision and passion that Rowe exerted served to inspire all of the campus leaders in attendance, to drive us to be inspired and to inspire others.

He described the atmosphere in which we coexist on this campus as one of a family. Upon his initial arrival as President of the college, the Centenary College Choir surrounded him and his family and the "single voice of the a capella choir made it feel as though the very soul of Centenary was being lifted from the ground."

This was Rowe's analogy of describing the way the school not only educates, but cultivates students to become curious, creative, interested, and effective leaders of the world.

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Meet: the Office of Professional Discernment



Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

A new office has been integrated into the structure of Centenary's Student Development Division this year. Student Development is made up of three main departments known as Global Engagement, Student Life, and the newest addition, Professional Discernment.

The office is directed by Valerie Robideaux and the Assistant Director is Elizabeth Everett, who formerly worked in Career Services.

What does Professional Discernment do? A profession is a paid occupation, especially one that involves

prolonged training. Discernment is the ability to judge well. These two are put together in order to help a student delve within themselves and really find some core values that describe who they are and what they are truly passionate about.

The office's mission is "helping students live meaningful lives at Centenary and beyond."

It is about "engaging in conversation more than 'what is my job,'" Robideaux said.

Students can utilize this office if they have questions about finding out what they want to major in or what to do in life beyond college. These are all things a good

portion of college students will face at some point in college.

After scheduling an appointment, students will meet with either Robideaux or Everett and probably fill out some quick self-assessment forms. This will give the student the opportunity to assess their current skills and personality traits, and how to begin going through questions about themselves. It is about asking the right questions in order to motivate the student's self-interests.

After the first meeting and feedback on tests, the student can expect to be given tips or advice and possibly set up an appointment for a follow-up meeting in the fu-

ture.

In the end, "It is a self-discovery," Everett said. Neither one of them can tell you, as a student, what you should do or what you are passionate about. They simply aid in the process; only that student can know for sure what drives him or her.

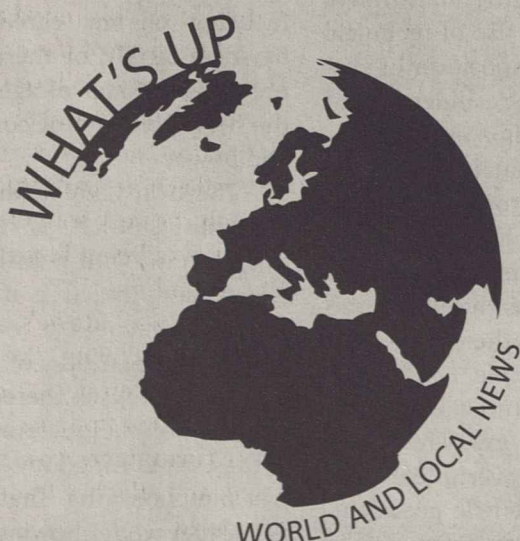
There will be more programming occurring later this semester with this office. A major upcoming program is "Dream Share Project." We will have more details to come regarding this program. It will be happening April 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Kilpatrick Auditorium.

The Christian Leadership Center (CLC) is also in the umbrella underneath this

department. However, Everett doesn't do anything with CLC and these services are open to all students.

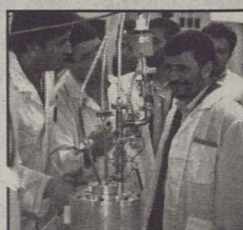
Through these services and programs, both Robideaux and Everett are "looking to engage with students across campus."

They are currently in the process of getting an online request form for appointments online, so for now simply email Valerie at vro-bideaux@centenary.edu or Elizabeth at eeverett@centenary.edu. Both of their offices are located in the Professional Discernment/CLC office on the second floor of Smith Building.



Rome Weather

Heavy snow in recent weeks has already wreaked havoc across Europe — now it is damaging some of the continent's most recognized historic monuments. The Colosseum in Rome has been forced to shut after small pieces of its walls crumbled away as a result of freezing temperatures.



Iran Nuclear

Iran flaunted a new generation of centrifuges and mastery of the nuclear fuel cycle Wednesday as President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was on hand to load domestically made fuel rods into the core of a Tehran reactor.



Honduras Prison Fire

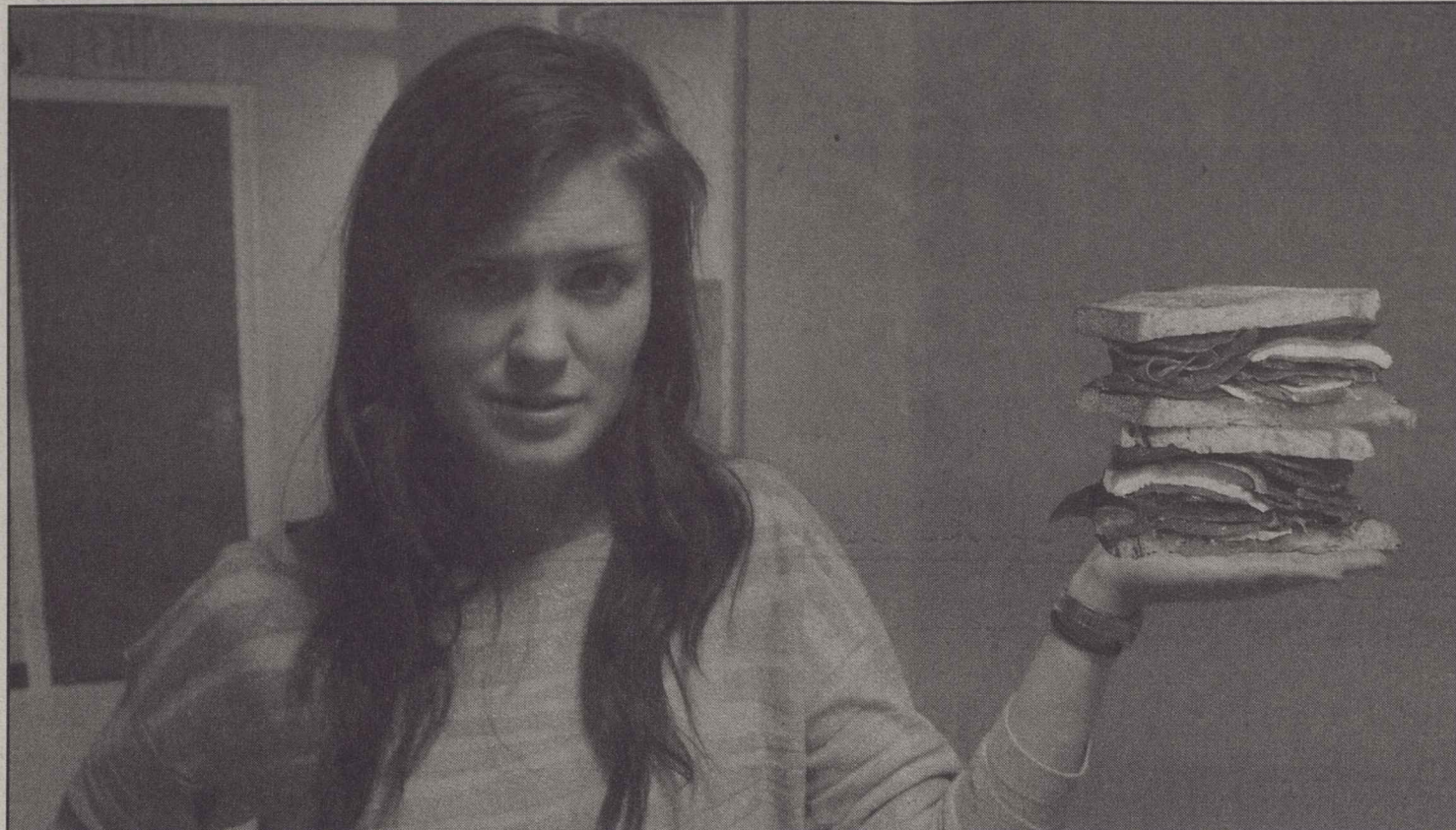
At least 272 inmates were dead and the fate of 105 others was unknown Wednesday as families clamored to learn whether their loved ones died in a prison fire in central Honduras.



Berlusconi

Italian prosecutors Wednesday asked a court to sentence former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi to five years in prison if he is found guilty of corruption charges.

A&E

A Million Reasons: *Chicks, Dude*

Hadley Million
Layout Editor
Opinion/Editorial

Ladies. Women. Whatever your preference, we all have needs. No, I don't mean those kinds of needs. What do you take me for?! This is, after all, the school newspaper. Sheesh.

Aside from all that drama, it has been brought to my attention that most women have certain expectations when it comes to relationships. I'm not going to con-

clude whether these expectations are right or wrong, but I would like to discuss them and perhaps explore how men across campus (or around the world for that matter) fail to meet these expectations. I like to think that men are merely oblivious to these expectations and therefore cannot be held accountable for their actions.

Dudes. Guys. Men. Whatever your preference, you seem to have failed to realize most girls really don't

dig your "douchebag" façade. You don't come across as charming or mysterious; in reality you look like a pretentious tool.

If you see a lovely lady at a bar whom you would like to "chat up," I would suggest not telling her to stop slouching because she looks like she has a severe case of scoliosis. I would also beg you to not make any jokes about her inferior status as a woman, especially when you realize she is in fact a woman.

It's probably wise to make sure when you're hitting on said lovely lady's friends to make sure that she is not anywhere in the vicinity. Walking five feet away from her and chatting up lovely-lady-friend number-two will simply not cut it. This will result in uncomfortable mutterings and a sad ending for you once you realize most girls tend to use the motto "holes before poles."

Also, if a girl seems disinterested, actually tells

you she's disinterested, or thoughtfully replies "you're really sweet, but I have a boyfriend" do NOT, I repeat DO NOT continue to ask her if she would like to drive home with you or even pretend you would like to do so because of her shimmering "personality."

I know these instincts go all the way back to grade school when the playground jungle made pushing girls around seem like an acceptable pastime. When I was seven years old, it was invigorating when a boy came up and called me "ugly" or sneered at me from a distance. Back in the day, these acts seemed to be the perfect way to convey your boyish charm and superior strength despite your smaller stature; today these actions seem unwise and infantile.

I understand it's a hard knock life out there for a man trying to find a lady. Times are hard, expectations are high, and women aren't willing to deal with your man-child-like ways. I don't think it's asking too much when I kindly beg you to not make reference to my haggard back or my assumed poor driving skills because I'm a woman and I'm only supposed to make you sandwiches.

"The Iron Lady:" An Ageless Power



Karley Aiken
A&E Editor

Meryl Streep starred in the historical account of the life of Margaret Thatcher, the first and only female Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. This film is brilliant and moving, depicting Thatcher's battle in a world dominated by men in all sectors, and her ultimate victory and monumental gains in politics as a female ruler.

The movie highlighted her struggles from the lower class to the cream of the crop.

Streep, a well seasoned actress, performs a flawless enactment of Thatcher. Her entire persona, costume, makeup, speech, and walk, must have been rigorously practiced – but to the audience, her performance seems effortless.

I should admit here that I am not the world's biggest fan of historical films. Movies focusing on politics and history have never been my go-to genre on movie night.

However, I believe the film industry has been taking a different approach to

presenting historical movies to audiences. For example, I saw J. Edgar when it came out a while ago, and I also enjoyed that film, though largely based on politics and historical figures.

Why are my tastes changing so suddenly? I think that, in large part, it is because the film industry is illuminating the most fascinating aspects of specific characters, the true grit of their stories (for example, Edgar's homosexuality; Thatcher's relationship with her husband and her late mental disorientation)

and employing innovative and creative use of technical aspects (composition of picture, lighting, independent film-style originality) to create a film that is more conducive to a broader audience, an audience that can find it easier to relate to struggles and situations that might not be relatable otherwise.

For example, I will probably never know what it is like to work my way up the ladder of government and be the first female president. However, I can relate to the struggle of feeling as though

I have to choose between focusing on my career or having a family, or the ever-present reminder of age and the inevitable loss of control and power.

The Iron Lady is an impeccable film. It is emotionally raw with a brilliant screenplay. This is a movie I would encourage everyone to see regardless of your knowledge or lack thereof of Thatcher or the government of the United Kingdom – this is a film honoring Thatcher as a leader while showing her vulnerability as a fragile human being.

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Centenary Choir's pre-New York performance



Julia Puac
Staff Writer

Sunday, February 12, 2012 at 4:00 PM Centenary College Choir performed their concert debuting James Eakin's "Flowers over the Graves of War." They performed this piece at First United Methodist church in downtown Shreveport alongside the Shreveport Symphony.

The Choir did a fantastic

job performing a beautiful six movement piece that combines the words of traditional Latin Requiem Mass with new poetry by Michael Dennis Browne. Eakin creates a stirring vision and prayer for peace through his music. Each movement had a different tone that echoed throughout the whole sanctuary.

The piece also called for three guest singers: a soprano, a tenor, and an alto. Each soloist caused amazement

in the audience when their piece would come up during a movement. The orchestral arrangement brought out the mood of the piece even more.

The movements included in this piece were Intriort, Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus, Angus Dei, and Credo Coda. "James Eakin said he was really pleased with how we performed this music tonight, and that meant so much to our choir," Said sophomore Samira Sayad.

James Eakin is a

Centenary Alumnus, and a Choir Alumnus from the class of 2000. He graduated with a Bachelor's in Music from Hurley School of Music and went on to obtain his Doctoral degree in Music Composition from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. He is truly an exceptional composer, and another reason why Centenary brings out "simply the best" Centenary Choir will be traveling to New York

and New Jersey during Mardi-Gras break and will perform a six day concert series throughout their stay. Their travels will take them to Carnegie Hall where they will perform a concert most of the members have been anxiously awaiting. They will perform the same piece by Eakin to their audiences in New York. A fantastic job well done to the Centenary Choir, and best wishes on your six day tour!

Tech News: Google Drive Ready, too Soon to Launch?



Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

It is better late than never. Five years ago Google came up with an idea of launching a cloud storage device known as "Drive."

From The Wall Street Journal, "Google Drive will let consumers store documents, photographs, and videos on Google's servers for sharing and easy accessibility from any Web-connected device." It is expected to be free for most consumers and businesses, but there will be a fee if a large amount of storage is used.

This is a really competitive market already with Apple having "iCloud", Amazon's "Cloud Drive," Microsoft's "Windows Live SkyDrive," and Dropbox already existing and providing similar services.

Still, Google has a chance to make an impact with Drive. It could be integrated with the Android operating system much like Apple has

tied iCloud to iOS. Google will likely succeed because it already "has a massive footprint in the Internet space," states Rob Enderle, principal analyst at the Enderle Group.

Furthermore, Google already offers various forms of cloud-based storage: Google Docs; Google Cloud Services, the paid service for the enterprise; Google Cloud Storage for developers; and Picasa Google's photo and video storage and sharing site. If consumers need more storage space than what they have for free they are able to buy additional storage space for Gmail, Google Docs and Picasa Web Albums.

The toughest thing will be competition from other companies. Dropbox already offers this service and does a pretty good job at it. According to Enderle, "To really go after the consumer-friendly Dropbox-like service is something Google should have jumped on far sooner."

If Google wants to be the pre-eminent cloud service

provider, they need to be on top of any prominent cloud service, and Dropbox is just that kind of service."

Google will still benefit from this service. It will increase competition with Microsoft for supremacy and also help boost Google's revenue.

Of course this isn't the first time Drive was being talked about. About five years ago, reports surfaced that Google was planning to launch "GDrive," a service that would let consumers purchase more storage for its service. It never launched though and its existing arrangement, which lets consumers purchase additional storage space across Google's services for a fee, is what is currently used.

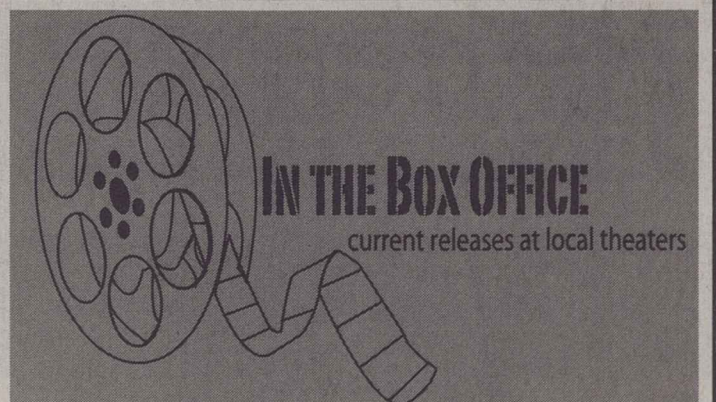
Hopefully Drive will be launched and make an impact on consumers, but the only ones probably affected are those with Google services and/or Android devices.

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Accounting	Andrea Violet	Sunday 9-11pm
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		Thursday 9-10pm
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		Thursday 5-7pm
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		Wednesday 7-9pm
"Location-Middle Hall Student Room"	Charles Madden	Sunday 3-5pm
		Tuesday 11:30-12:30pm
		Wednesday 7-9pm
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Physics	Gerhard T. Funk	Wednesday 7-9pm
		Thursday 7-10pm
Religious Studies	Lauren Rogers	Thursday 2-5pm
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		Wednesday 7-9pm
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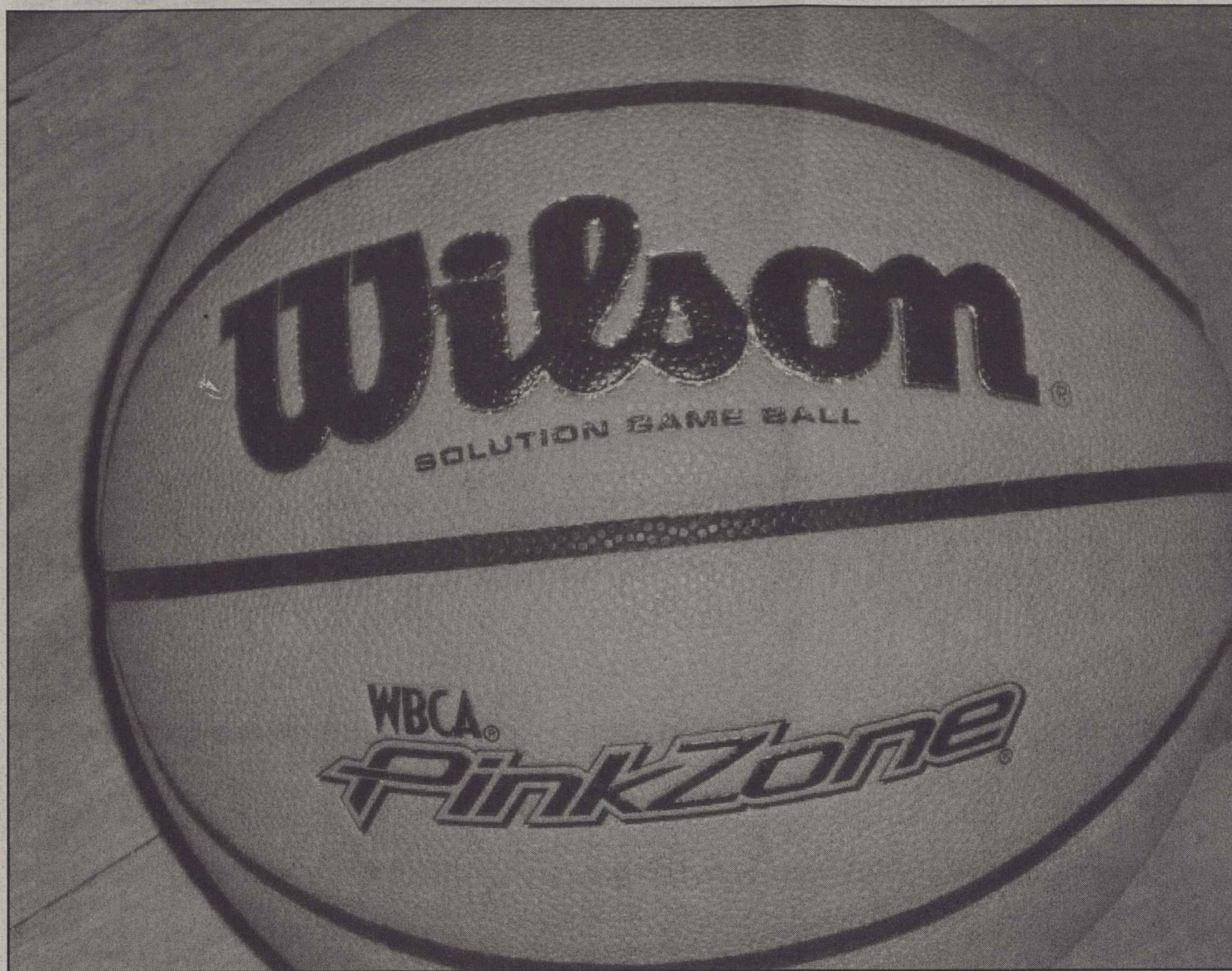
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The Secret World of Arriety
This Means War

Now Playing and Coming Soon at The Robinson Film Center:

Shame
12 Angry Men

SPORTS

Buzzer Beater brings Ladies 8th win



Christian Prince
Staff Writer

All the buzz on the evening of February 9th was about the Ladies big win over LeTourneau University. Think Pink night successfully kicked off with both teams donning pink attire in support of breast cancer awareness.

Before the game started, the Ladies and head Coach

Kristen Davis presented Ms. Vicki Sharp a pink basketball signed by the entire Ladies squad. The ball was a sign of gratitude towards Sharp for supporting the Ladies all season as well as being a breast cancer survivor.

Sharp is the mother of junior Vashni Sharp-Moore. Sharp was the honorary coach for the game, and had a seat on the bench with the Ladies.

Sharp-Moore played an

amazing game, finishing with 23 points and 8 rebounds, followed by junior Jalena Sanders' seventh season double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds. Senior Megan Daniel also had a double-double with 11 points and 13 rebounds.

The Ladies won on a buzzer beater by Sanders in the last 1.9 seconds of the game. With 17 seconds remaining the Ladies came down the floor and Daniel hit

a three to tie the game at 56 apiece.

It looked like the Ladies were headed into overtime with the Lady Jackets for the second time this season. With 2.7 seconds on the clock the Jackets called a timeout.

As play resumed, the Jackets inbounded the ball but ending up losing it out of bounds on the Ladies side of the court. 1.9 seconds remained in the game. The ball was inbounded to Sanders in

the post who spun into the paint, put up a left-handed hook shot that gracefully hit the back-board and fell through the net right at the buzzer.

The Ladies won 58-56.

Senior night, which was Saturday, didn't end in such a thrilling fashion. The Ladies played UT-Tyler and started the game off slowly. Quickly getting down to 25-9, the ladies had a large hole to battle out of.

Though they never gave up, the Ladies were unable to come back and defeat the Lady Patriots. In her last game at the Gold Dome, Daniel scored 21 points, had three steals and three rebounds.

Daniel was awarded with a Centenary jersey bearing the number 32, a ball dedicated to her, a gift from her teammates, and flowers from her parents. She was honored after the Ladies game.

During game two other Ladies landed in double figures with Sharp-Moore scoring 23, and Sanders getting her eight double-double with 15 points and 14 rebounds. Rebounding and free throws were the story of the game yet again for the Ladies.

They were out rebounded 61-36, and free throws stacked up to be UT-Tyler was 22-32 (68.8%) and the Ladies were 19-26 (73.1%).

The Ladies will have their final two games this week at Mississippi College and Louisiana College. Good Luck to our Ladies as their season comes to an end!

Athlete of the Week: Stephanie Wright



after graduation: going to PA school

People you look up to: my mom, shes awesome!
When did you start playing or getting involved in your sport and why: 3, because it was fun!!! Who wouldn't want to run and flip into the pit!!

What goes through your head as you prepare for every game: excitement, to go out there and try my hardest
What is your most memorable moment in your career: qualifying to nationals as a team and being an All American on bars
What is your least favorite thing about your sport and what is your most favorite: least favorite would definitely be getting rips on your hands, they hurt! And most favorite is being able to know where I am when I'm flipping in the air, such an awesome feeling

If you could sum up your life in one song what would it be: Don't worry, be happy!! :)

Name three things you own that describe you: textbooks, ipod, sweatpants!!

What is your most over used word or phrase: LIKE, definitely

High School academic accomplishments, rewards or honors societies: sadly no :(High School sports accomplishments, rewards, and placements: bars state champion senior year of high school, and regional qualifier all 4 years of high school

Steven Finley
Sports Editor

Captain
Position: we don't really have those :)
Hometown: Atlanta, Georgia
Major: Biology
Favorite Color: yellow

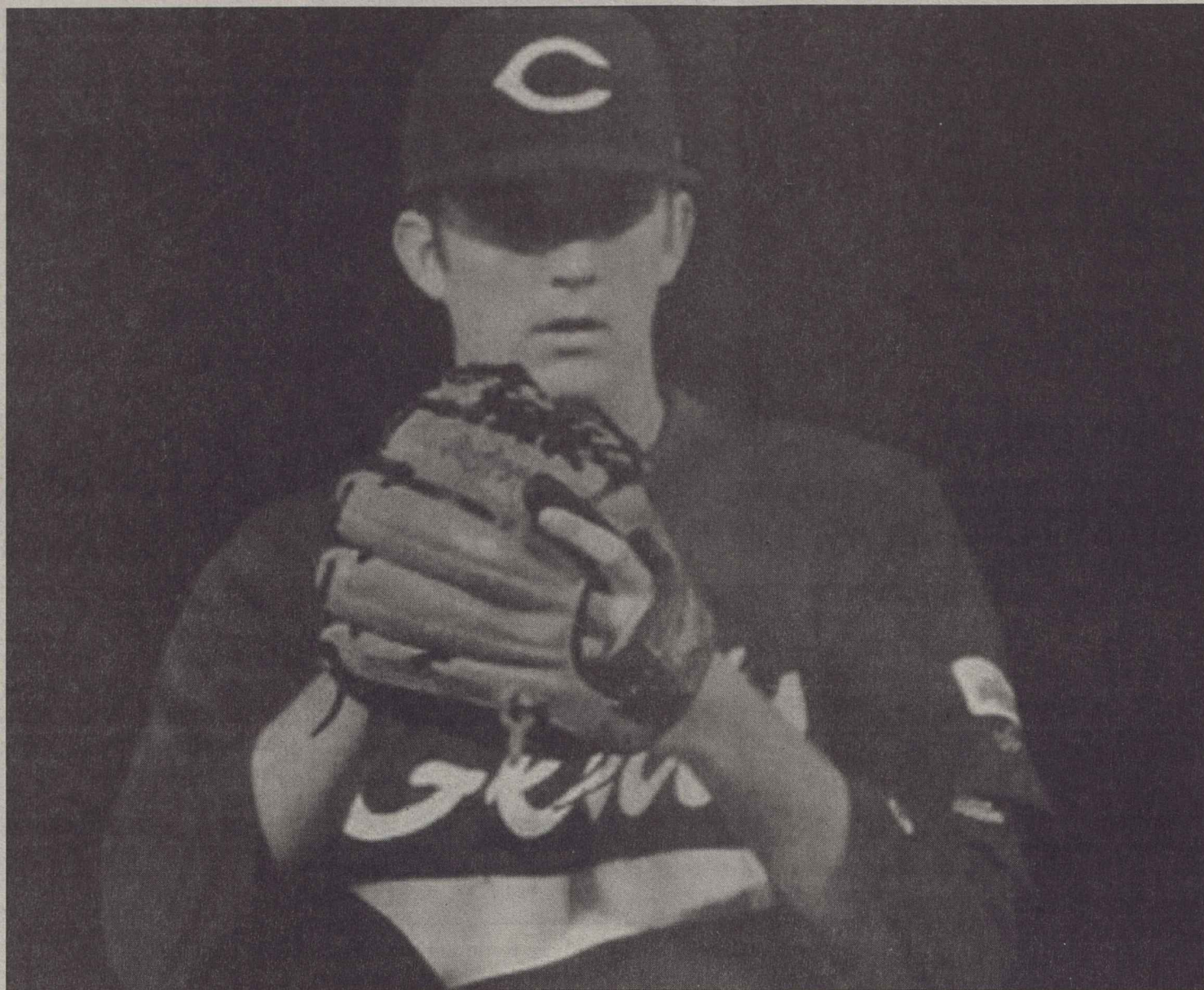
Favorite Sports Team: Atlanta Braves
Favorite Restaurant: olive garden
Favorite Musical Artist: Skrillex, Bullet for my Val-

entine
Favorite TV Show: that 70's show
Favorite Movie: Hitch
Hobbies: photography
What do you plan on doing

Sport: Gymnastics
Classification: Senior Tri-

SPORTS

Baseball sweeps the Steers



Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

The Gentlemen took the field last week and had a strong outing resulting with a sweep in their double header against the opposing Texas College Steers. The Gents improved their overall record to 4-1.

In the first game, Senior

Cole Thompson and Nic Parrot carried the Gents to an impressive win. Thompson was able to bounce back after struggling in the opening day game.

Thompson pitched a solid three innings to keep the Steers to only sneak one run onto the board. Parrot

came in and put the Steers back into the barn pitching four scoreless innings. Both pitchers only allowed a combined six hits for the seven inning game.

Being down by one run going into the fifth, Junior Tyler Clakley and senior Kyle "Morty the Moose" Morton

hit back-to-back singles to get the Gents offense rolling. Also junior Ryan Gasporra, Jeramri Jones, and big time hitter Jeff Schaeffert paced the offense to put more runs on the board. The Gents won the game with their solid pitching 4-1.

The second game started

off hot for the Gents scoring eight out of their total ten runs in the first two innings. RBI hits from Clakley and Morton got the Gents to an early three run lead.

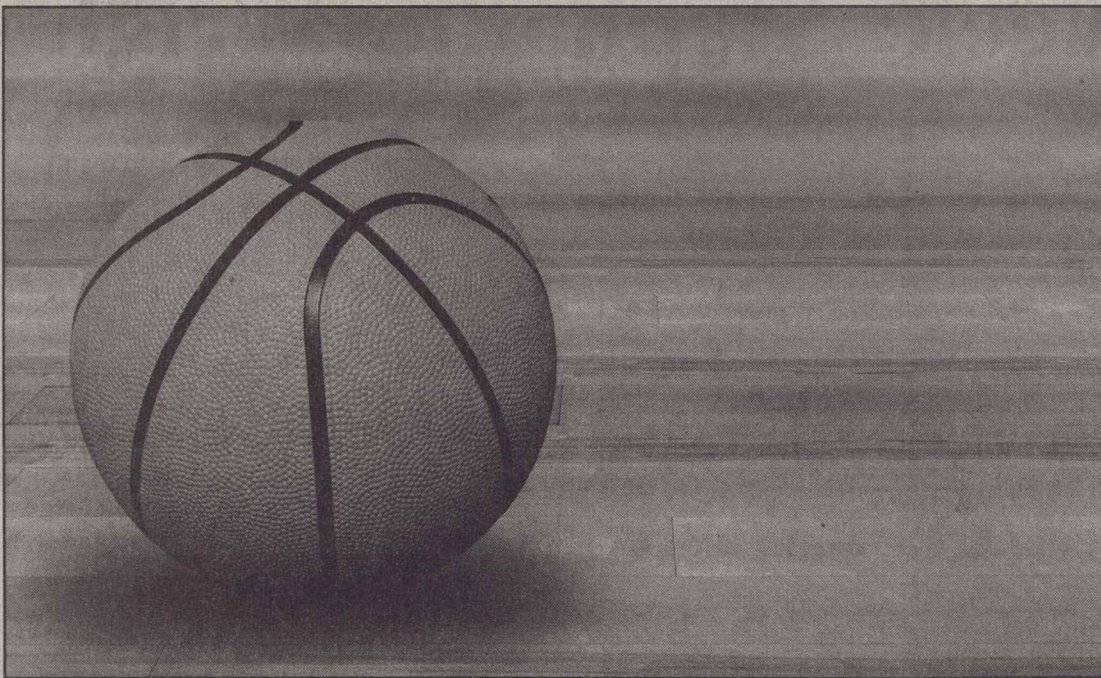
Morton and James led the way in the bottom of the second to give the Gents five more runs for the inning. Schaeffert, senior, dialed nine for long distance sailing a ball to the Gold Dome and recorded the Gents first home run for the season.

The bats came to be the deciding factor in this second game with the Gents muscling ten total hits in their outing. Impressive outings by Morton going (4-5, 2 RBI), Schaeffert (2-4, 4 RBI), and Clakley (1-3, 2 RBI) helped the Gents move by the Steers with ease.

As for the pitching, freshman Peyton Stover got the start and did well with only allowing one for 2.1 solid innings. Coach Diaz tested out his bullpen using five more pitchers during the contest. Trey Guccione and Marc Martinez displayed their pitching abilities both displaying three scoreless innings.

The athletic Gents will be in San Antonio, TX on February 14-15 to take on Trinity College in a three-game series. The Gents look to continue their winning ways and display their dominance in the game of baseball.

Intramural Basketball starts with a bang



Chistian Prince
Staff writer

Finally! The wait for intramurals is over. After much debate on whether or not basketball season was going to occur, games officially started Monday night.

The season was pushed back an additional week due to a limited number of refs and teams that had signed up for the season. After deliberating with the refs he had, Justin Cash, Manager of Wellness

Marketing and Intramurals here at Centenary, decided basketball season would happen, just a week later than intended.

This cut the season a week short. Therefore this first week and Monday and Tuesday of next week are regular season games. Wednesday and Thursday will serve as playoff days. There are seven men's teams and only three women's team.

Kappa Sigma A and B, Kappa Alpha, Old School,

Hooligans, and Kekambas are all men's teams, while Women's Soccer, Chi-O and Zeta are the women's teams.

On Monday, games began at six o'clock with Sig B and Hooligans kicking off the season. Hooligans, the B soccer team, pulled off a win with Sig B falling to the 30 point mercy rule with five minutes remaining in the game. The final score was Hooligans 50 Sig B 14.

The next game was Kekambas and Old School.

Many familiar faces from football season showed up to play for Old School along with a couple new ones.

With players such as Robert Poole, Chad Nelson, and Marshall Teal, Old School seems to have some youngsters on their side. Too bad that wasn't enough to pull off a win. Kekambas, the soccer A team defeated Old School 38-28.

The third game of the night was played between Sig B and Wolfpack. Sig B got annihilated by Wolfpack by an astounding 50 points, thanks to Ayo Kuku going ham on the court. The final score was Wolfpack 78 Sig B 28.

The final game of the night was between Sig A and KA with Sig A coming out on top 46-27.

Tuesday night's action began with Sig A and Wolfpack. Wolfpack brought their A game yet again and defeated the Sigs 45-25.

The second game of the night was supposed to be between Sig B and KA but KA didn't show up resulting

in a forfeit. Sig B received their first win of the season.

Games resumed with Sig A playing for the second time of the night to face off with Kekambas. Despite their efforts, Sig A couldn't match the lights out 3-point shooting of the Kekambas. Thus, Kekambas won 44-33.

The next two nights featured another forfeit from KA to Hooligans due to a miss communication. Sig A defeated Old School 25-35.

In a nail-biter that ended in a result of a technical foul, Wolfpack defeated Hooligans 34-33. Wolfpack was defeated earlier in the night by Old School 44-41. Sig A beat Hooligans 43-34, while Kekambas defeated Sig B 54-29.

In women's action ZTA beat Chi-O 29-21 and Chi-O defeating women's soccer 41-29.

Monday the 13th and Friday the 14th will wrap up regular season play. On Wednesday the 15th and Thursday the 16th playoffs will occur and intramural basketball champions will be crowned!

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

February 17	February 18	February 23-25
  	   	

SPORTS

Ladies' Gymnastics pulling through

Stephanie Wright
Staff Writer

The Ladies posted a 189.900 this weekend at TWU; giving them their second highest team all around score.

This was also the fifth weekend that the Ladies have traveled this semester alone.

"Even though we were tired from all of our traveling our gymnastics still looked elegant," said Sophomore Tawnee Hadd.

This definitely showed in the scores. Although the gymnastics team may have been traveling a lot, in the long run this only helps by giving them the experience they need in order to perform well.

Having more travel experience will also help them qualify to nationals; the final and most important competition of the gymnastics season.

Even though the Ladies aren't quite where they would like to be, they still had some outstanding routines. Four out of the eleven gymnasts that competed earned their season or career high scores.

This meet was the first dual meet so far this season, which means the ladies had a different event rotation than usual. Starting out on the uneven bars, the top scores came from sophomore Robyn Price with a 9.550 and Senior Stephanie Wright with a 9.675.

Next the ladies went to vault and earned an impressive 48.200 event total.

This was one of their top team scores. The highest vault score coming from Junior Christy Martinez with a 9.725, which was closely followed by junior Meg Crowley with a 9.675.

Tonight both Freshmen Natalie Humbert and Sophomore Robyn Price scored their career high scores on vault with Humbert's 9.575, and Price's 9.6.

"I am very proud of the vault line up, the consistency in practice is definitely reflected in our scores," said head coach Jackie Fain.

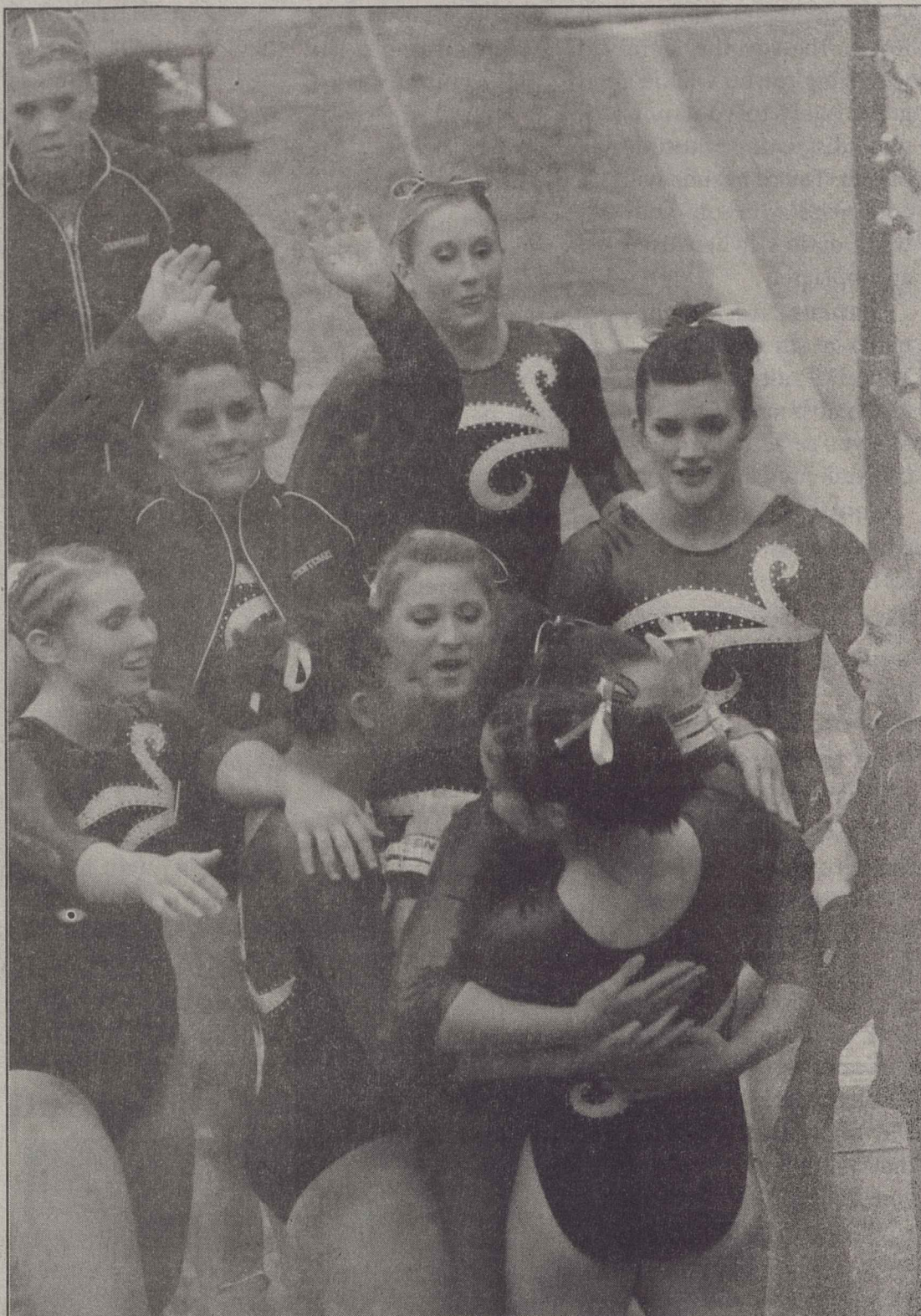
The Ladies kept up the energy on the floor exercise with scoring a 47.925. This was almost their highest event total.

The two highest scores coming from Junior Meg Crowley, with a 9.850, which was her career high. And Senior Lauren Carlton posted a new season high of 9.775. These routines were beautiful and almost perfect!

The ladies finished up the meet on beam, although not as strong as they could. However there were two very impressive top scores. These scores came from Senior Lauren Carlton posting a career high of a 9.700, and Junior Jessica Lieblisch posting a 9.725.

When asked about the team's performance Senior Tri-Captain Lauren Carlton had a few thoughts.

"I think that it is really great that our team continues to get better and better each week. Last week we had a 188.6 so we improved by more than a point which is awesome," said Lauren.



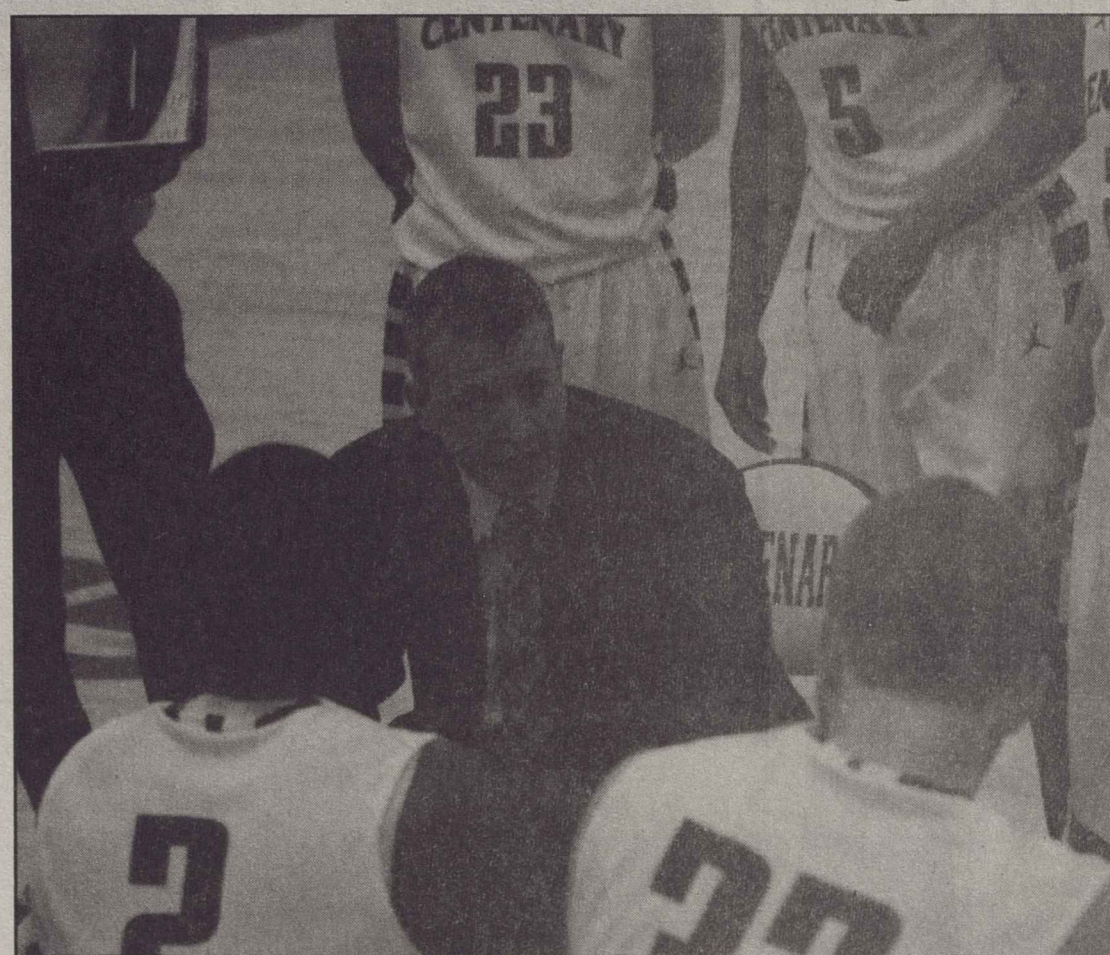
"However I know that we still have lots of room to make changes to get into the 190's which is where I feel like we should be at this point in

the season. I am really looking forward to competing in the dome this weekend and hope being at home will help our team pull together and

have our best meet so far."

Look forward to watching the ladies compete this Friday, February 17, at the Gold Dome. Go Ladies!

Gents' Basketball leaving the 'Dome on a high note



Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

The Gentleman were able to pull off two electrifying wins against LeTourneau College and UT Tyler. However those wins were not the only good news that came from those games.

Terrance Mac is a young child suffering from a rare type of cancer called Nasal T-Cell/Natural Killer Cell Lymphoma. Terrance was in line to get a bone-marrow transplant, however his

donor backed out at the last moment.

Coach Walsh and the Centenary basketball team have joined along with Terrance's family to try and find a donor.

Terrance was a honorary captain for the Gents last year, and now is waiting for bone marrow results from all those who came out to the game and participated in the donor process. Coach Walsh and many others in the Centenary Athletic Department went through

the donor process to try and assist Terrance in his journey to better health.

As for the basketball games held in the Gold Dome, the Gents held back nothing to take down the two opposing teams.

Against LeTourneau College, the Gents put a scare on the home crowd trailing big going into the final minutes of the game. The first half was all LeTourneau keeping the lead for the majority of the half.

However Maxx

Nakwassah had a huge first half keeping the score manageable going into the next half. The score was 21-30 going into halftime. Some big defensive stops and Nakwassah's offense kept the score close. The Gents struggled with their shooting making no three pointers in the first half. Also shooting 22.6% from the field hurt them greatly.

I predicted Jonathan Blount to have a breakout game, but instead he had a breakout second half.

The Gents led by Blount made six three pointers in the second half to climb back into the game. The Yellow Jackets lost their sting in the second half when the Gents played an incredible defense holding LeTourneau to four points in the closing seven minutes. In the 20-4 run, Blount scored 11 of those points. The Gents were able to get stop after stop and won 64-57.

Senior day at the Dome on Saturday was an emotional and fulfilling day for Matt Nichenko and Maxx Nakwassah.

Opening up the game, the Gents went on strong 17-3 run knocking down layups and shots in the paint.

The story of the game was not Nakwassah or Blount shooting lights out, but the defensive presence the Gents threw onto the

Patriots. Going into halftime the Patriots were shooting better from the field, free-throw percentage, and three point percentage, however the Gents had a comfortable 35-29 lead.

Coming out of the half, the Gents continued their dominance getting more steals and assists to increase their lead. From the 11:17 mark to 7:24 on clock, the Gents went on a dominating 13 - 0 run not allowing the Patriots to get back into the game.

Jairus Browning who shot 100% from the floor and JaColby Crawford tacked on three steals apiece. Blount and Nakwassah dished out many assists and Nichenko and Saro got a few blocks underneath the basket. Arni Sigurdsson even added to the point total making the score 81-65.

The game came down to great defense and solid shooting from the field. The Gents scored 38 points in the paint and set a record for the season with 16 steals. Both seniors had a great outing putting up solid numbers for their final game in the Gold Dome.

The Gents have two more road games ahead of them securing at least an 11-11 season. However I feel confident their record will go from 11-9 to 13-9.

EXTRAS

Horoscopes

Daniel Proveaux

Aries- Watch more 30 Rock. The joy the show will bring to you will be a great boost to your normal disgusting attitude on life. You're friends will commend you on your witty quotes, when used appropriately.

Taurus- Adele dominated at the Grammy's. You did not. But don't feel bad because it's not like you're actually musically talented anyways.

Gemini- As we reach Mardi Gras, remember to take it slow. Nobody likes to see a crazy, sloppy mess screaming for beads unless they ordered the video from their grandmother's basement. Keeping it classy will bring in more respect and luck.

Cancer- Valentine's Day has been over for a few days now. Get out of your "Forever Alone" funk and start creeping on potential lovers. Don't let next year's Valentine's Day show you yet again that nobody wants to love you. Your mother can't be your only Valentine forever.

Leo- As midterms approach, don't feel stressed. Take your time and pace yourself when it comes to your studying. Also, do not complain about how nobody can understand how much you have to study and how everyone else must have it easy.

Virgo- It's time to calm your mind. Meditate, take a nap, or pick up a good book and just get away. Find the inner peace that will help rid you of stress. Also take this time to get in tune with nature.

Libra- Clean your room. Don't take this as nagging from your mother. Treat this cleaning spree as an adventure, as you will find many things you

have believed to be lost or stolen amongst the disgusting piles of pure mess that litter your floor.

Scorpio- Find certain days and times to pop over to the Post Office. Your mailbox is probably filled with junk the school passes out, but there is the slightest possibility that there is a letter from home, with cash, or a package waiting for you to open.

Sagittarius- This month is a great time to begin your spring cleaning. Go through all of your old junk, box it up, and take it to Goodwill. What you now see as trash will appear as treasure to all hipsters. Yes, the Fates understand how scary hipsters are. We don't like them either. Nobody wants to be a hipster, especially a hipster. Ironic?

Capricorn- Some people might say that cartoons are for children, but all that really means is that those people are no longer fun. Release your inner child and enjoy all the mindless animation that you can stand. Yes, the cartoons of today can never compare to the cartoons the majority of us grew up with so do some online searching and find classic cartoons to indulge with. Netflix has a good selection.

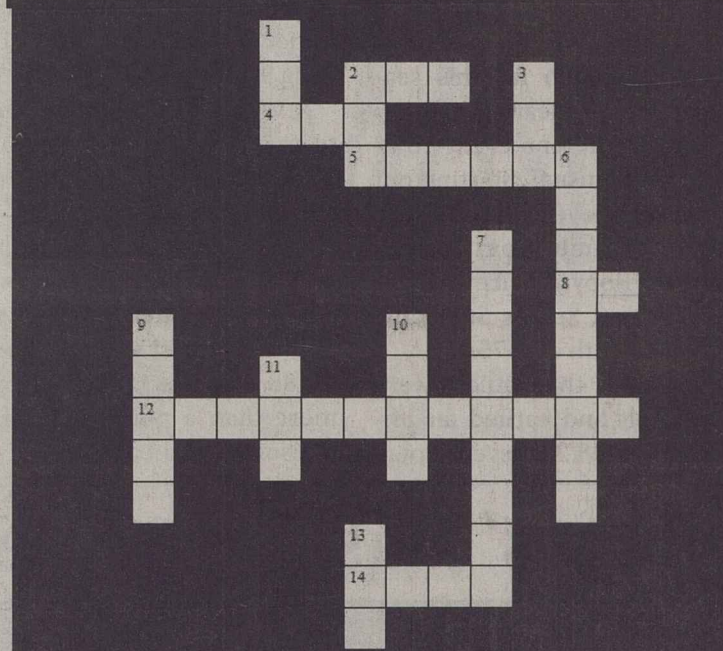
Aquarius- It's time for you take more risks. Life without excitement is boring. Take your schedule and throw it out the window. Live by the moment and do what you want to do rather than what you are told to do. This idea might be better for the weekend.

Pisces- Find a new idol. Lady Gaga is a great musician, but hardly somebody to look up to.

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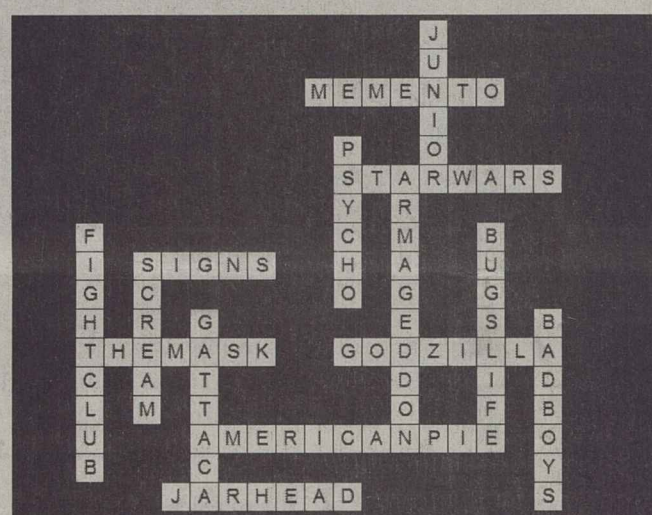
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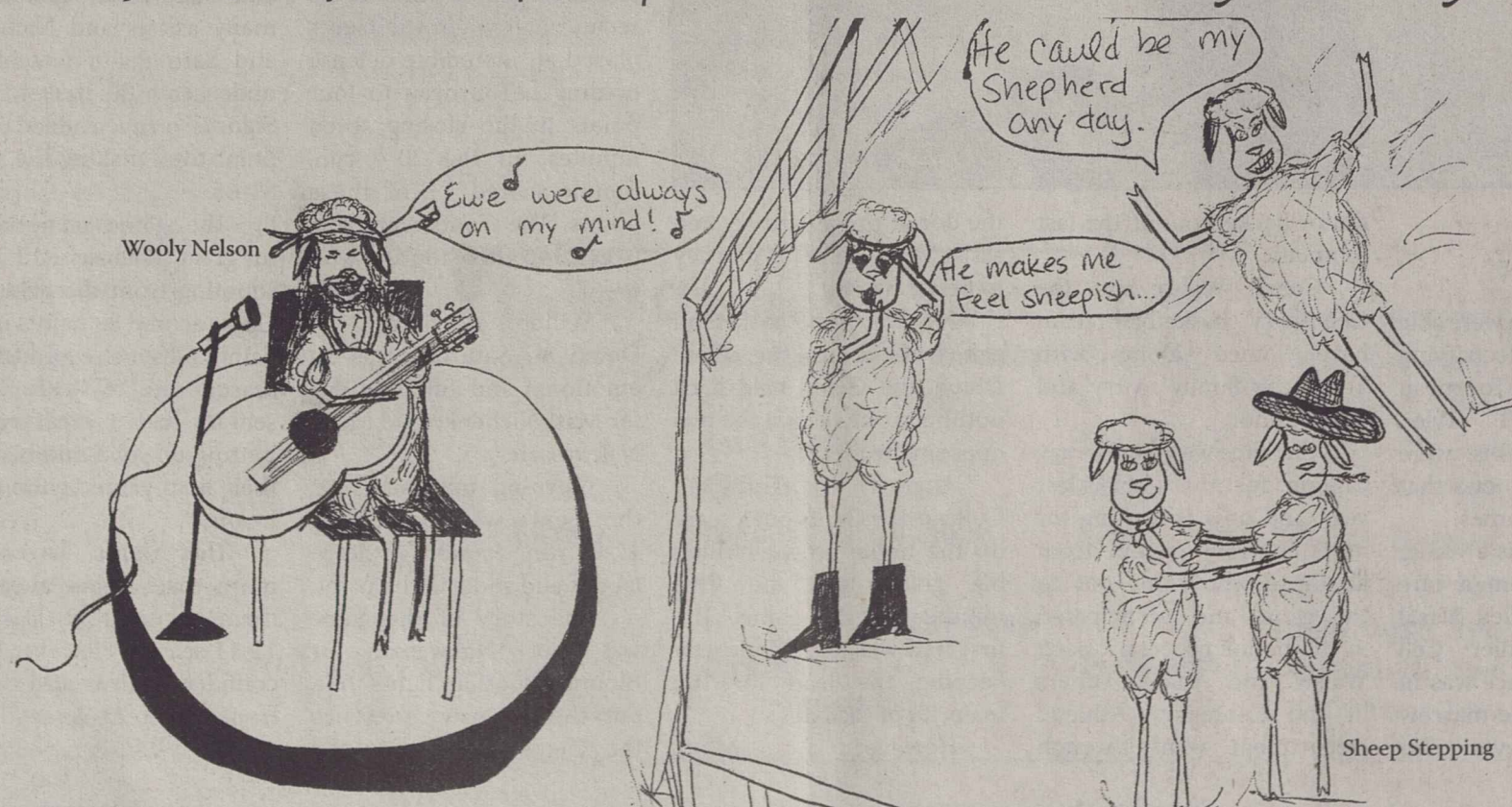
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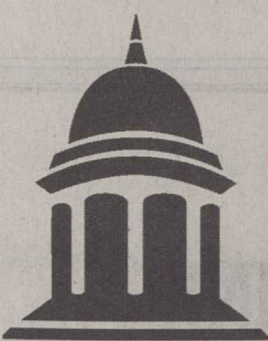


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Who Gives a Flock of Sheep

by Hadley Million





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CAB offers free TOMS, students respond enthusiastically



Students gather in Kilpatrick Auditorium to decorate their new TOMS shoes.

Photo courtesy of Ashlie Daigle

Ashley Lynch
Editor in Chief

How do you make a college campus like Centenary's ecstatic within a matter of minutes? You give them free shoes, of course. And not just any shoes, but a brand that has been widely popular on our campus over the past few years: TOMS.

The event was first publicized on Facebook on February 9 by our Centenary Activities Board (CAB) as an opportunity for Centenary students to receive a free pair of TOMS in their size, which they could decorate using materials that would be provided by CAB. Within hours, the event had gone viral in the Centenary community as

students clamored to sign-up.

When the event attendance list exceeded 250 members in a matter of hours, Charles Madden, the CAB Event Planner in charge of this program, found himself forced to cut the deadline for entry short of its original one-week joining period down to one day.

"We didn't expect the program to get this big," said Madden, who was genuinely surprised by the outcome.

CAB ordered 285 pairs of shoes, totaling roughly \$12,500.

The good news? TOMS will match CAB's number of purchases through their One for One program, which

provides one pair of shoes to a child in need for every pair purchased through their company.

Students could choose between white, black or grey shoes of any size to collect and decorate with paints, glitter, and other assorted craft materials. Tarps were laid out in Kilpatrick Auditorium on the date of the program, and the shoes were organized alphabetically by name to prevent mix-ups.

A few RAs co-programmed with the event by providing light snacks, which they called, "Noms with Toms."

"I thought it was an awesome way to incorporate art into a program where I could

get free shoes and support a bigger cause," said freshman Tiana Brown, who picked up a pair of black TOMS at the event.

Madden was also pleased with the event's success.

"We met the goal to give something that provides [students] a break from their studies," said Madden, "and it's also something they could enjoy and can continue to enjoy, rather than just a one-evening experience."

CAB's next events will be part of their week-long spring programming week, this year themed after Ancient Greece. For more information about CAB and their mission, contact Caleb Gaston at wgaston@my.centenary.edu.

"Glory of Living" Cast Takes Away Gold at KC/ACTF



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Erika Lunsford
Staff Writer

Centenary's own Theatre Department cast and crew of "Glory of Living" competed in the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival over Mardi Gras break in Norman, Oklahoma.

The cast and crew came away with two awards, one at the regional level and one at the national level.

One of the most coveted awards at the regional level

is the Golden Handtruck award, which Centenary won. But what is it?

The Golden Handtruck award means that the cast had the most efficient unloading, setup, teardown, and reloading of the set from the truck to the stage and back.

Also, a certain member of the cast received an award at the national level.

Senior theatre major, Chelsea David, was given "Distinguished Performance

by an Actress" in her role as Lisa Needham in the "Glory of Living."

David said she was proud of her accomplishment, and "the department worked hard...we should all be proud of what we have done."

As a side note, both David and junior theatre major, Merwin McCrady, were competing for the Irene Ryan scholarship competition, even advancing to the semi-finals round.

Neither won,

unfortunately, but David and McCrady were chosen as alternates in the finals.

Overall, the entire cast and crew of "Glory of Living" did a phenomenal job. They have been working on this project for a long time, and it is obvious they have come a long way with their performance, design, and even setup/teardown.

Great job, all of you that were members of the cast and crew!

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Letter from the Editor: Transitions

Ashley Lynch
Editor in Chief

We're at that point in the year where it's time to prepare for the passing of the torch.

As luck has it, I won't be staying past my four-years of attendance at Centenary—I'll be walking the aisle at Commencement in May. As luck would also have it, we have some excellent candidates interested in stepping up to take over this position, and, by this time next week, we'll know exactly who will hold the title of Editor in Chief for the 2012-13 academic year.

It's exciting but certainly bittersweet. I've been a part of this staff for three years, now. Three years! That's three quarters of my college experience, tied in to the writers, the writing, the praise, and the woes. I've learned a lot, while still acknowledging that I will always have more to learn.

Serving on staff for this lengthy term has been a rewarding experience—not without trials, of course, but a treasure nonetheless.

Soon, someone else will have that opportunity, and I couldn't be happier for them. Best of luck to that person as they navigate new opportunities for our newspaper, students, and campus as a whole in this ever-changing world. There are exciting possibilities that our staff has already been discussing for the next year: one of which we hope to hear your feedback on soon.

Keep an eye on your global e-mails in the weeks to come as we work out the details on a plan that may change The Conglomerate as you currently view it.

As always, your feedback helps this paper adapt to the wants and needs of the student body, so we want to hear your voice.

No, but really.
We do.

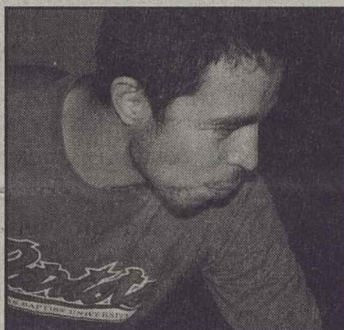
Question of the Week

How do you know spring is in the air?



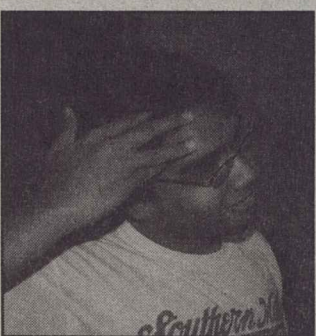
Because I smell the roses and the flowers."

Reem Abo-Zahrah, Senior



I can see the pollen in Reem's hair."

Marcos Rodriguez, Senior



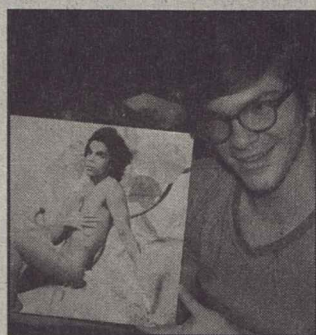
Because it already feels like summer."

Atique Nowroze, Sophomore



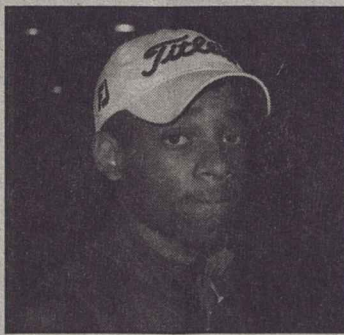
I can smell the stank trees."

Jessica Bato, Sophomore



I get the urge to listen to Prince."

Hunter Ward, Sophomore



When I see blue in the sky"

Matt Delaney, Freshman

Fitness Center Classes

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7:00 am	-	-	Yoga	-
7:15 am	-	Total Body	-	Total Body
11:15 am	-	ABS	-	ABS
Noon	Pilates	Yoga	Pilates	Yoga
4:35 pm	-	-	-	-
5:00 pm	-	-	Boot Camp	-
5:30 pm	-	Cycling	-	Turbo Kick
6:00 pm	Zumba-	Zumba-		

Sixth Annual



Golf Tournament

March 11, 2012
Shreveport Country Club
Tee Times 8-10am, Scramble
All proceeds benefiting
Breast Cancer Education and Awareness

PLAYERS WANTED!

\$150 per player
\$290 two-person teams

\$570 teams of four
\$90 Centenary Faculty/Student

*Price includes event t-shirt, one meal, and golf cart

- Awards for 1st-3rd place teams!
- Multiple hole in one prizes including a 2012 4-door Jeep Wrangler and \$1000 Visa Gift Card!

Contact Justine Kemp at jikemp@my.centenary.edu for more information

UPs & DOWNS

Gas Prices (Literally)

They're going up and killing our wallets.

Composting

Yay for saving the planet, one food particle at a time!

Moonbot Studios

Congratulations on your Oscar win!

Tornadoes

Our hearts go out to all who were affected recently.

Gas Prices (Figuratively)

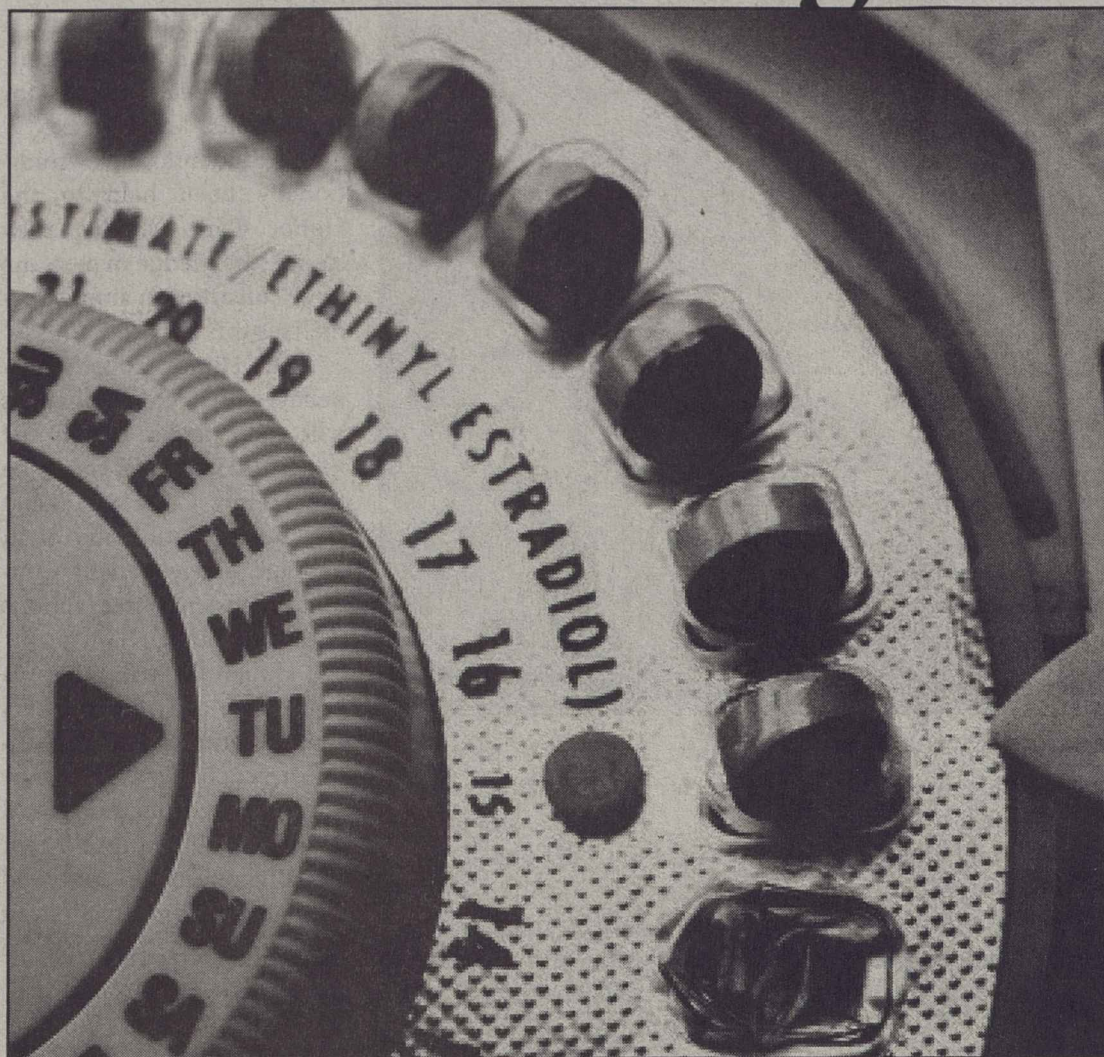
As mentioned, wallets are looking sad.

Daylight Savings Time

Losing sleep is definitely a down.

NEWS

Birth Control Mandate: Women's Rights vs. Religion



Erika Lunsford
Staff Writer

"Medical care should be made by a woman and her doctor, not a woman and her boss," says Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Birth control has been a heated issue that has been debated this campaign season since January 20, when Sebelius issued a final rule requiring that all women have

access to free preventive care services, including contraceptives as part of Obama's healthcare overhaul.

Republicans argued the amendment to the birth control mandate is about protecting religious freedom. On the other hand, Democrats say the amendment is an attack on women's health.

The Senate has been fighting tirelessly about whether or not Obama's birth control mandate should

be overturned, and on Thursday, March 1, they voted.

The amendment that would allow insurance providers or employers to deny coverage for contraception, mammograms, pre-natal screenings, cervical cancer screenings, or any service they chose based on "religious belief or moral conviction."

Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-NY, said, "The measure would force women to sur-

render control of their own health decision to their bosses. That concept is not merely quaint or old fashioned, it is dangerous and it is wrong."

On the other side of the board, House Speaker John Boehner called it "an unambiguous attack on religious freedom...if the president does not reverse the [mandate], then the Congress, acting on behalf of the American people and the Constitution we are sworn to uphold and defend, must."

Faced with growing criticism, the Obama administration indicated a willingness to review the issue but insisted women be allowed free access to birth control. A possible solution offered "could be to make contraceptive coverage available to employees of religious institutions without their employers' direct involvement."

And on Thursday, the Senate defeated the amendment to the birth control mandate—and was the first vote on an issue that raised questions concerning religion and women's rights.

The narrow vote was 51-48, with those opposing the amendment barely taking the win.

"We have never had a conscience clause for insurance companies," said Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-CA. The measure would have given insurers more opportunities to deny coverage for certain

treatments, she added. "A lot of them don't have any consciences. They'll take it," Boxer said.

But what was all this fuss really about?

It seems both parties were using the issue to rally their bases for this election year.

Republicans sought to keep the conservative vote in their battle for the presidential nominations.

And for Obama, no constituency is more crucial to his reelection than the female vote.

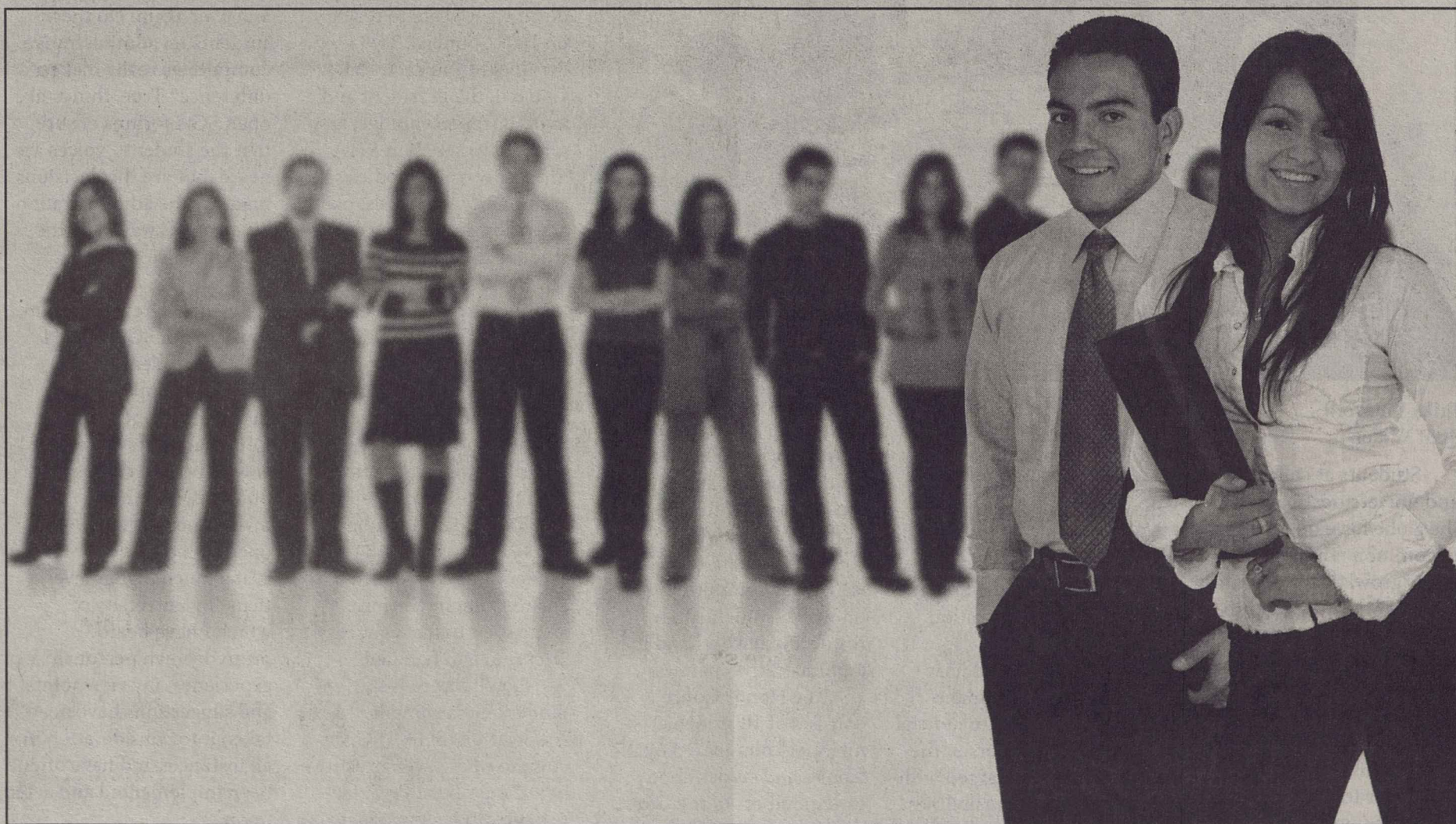
Interestingly enough, a majority of Americans support the use of contraceptives. The public is generally in favor of the birth control mandate, according to a CBS News/New York Times poll February 8-13.

The poll found that 61% favor the mandate, while 31% oppose it (leaving 8% undecided). Even Catholics, whose church strongly opposed the recent government mandate, support the requirement at about the same rate as all Americans.

Overall, both sides make valid points, but the trouble with the amendment is the broadness of it.

And as Sebelius said, the medical decisions a woman makes should be solely between herself and her doctor, not the insurance company or employer.

Career Corner: Making Career Fairs Work for you



Chaeli Faught
Staff Writer

The career fair is your opportunity to meet with employers from a variety of organizations, learn about what they have to offer, and gather information you can use when applying to jobs. To do this, you need a plan of action to ensure that your time is used effectively.

First off, what should you wear to a career fair? Most experts agree: Dress

as if you were going to an interview. This means wearing a business suit (no shorts), "dress" shoes (not sneakers), and proper grooming at a minimum. This sends a clear message to the recruiter that you are serious and interested. Second, before going to the fair, do your research.

Many career centers offer a list of organizations scheduled to take part in the fair. Get a copy of it and review it to determine which companies seem to offer the

best match for your skills by checking out their websites and reviewing any company literature available in the career center.

During the career fair: focus. Concentrate on those organizations you've identified as your best matches and work your way down your list. While at the career fair make sure that you are professional and polite.

Make sure you focus on the recruiter. When you approach the recruiter, be

mindful of what he or she is doing. If the recruiter is with another student, give the recruiter and student some space.

Use your time well. When it's your turn to speak with the recruiter, use your commercial skills to introduce yourself. Ask the recruiter for the next steps: is the organization conducting interviews on campus? Ask for the recruiter's business card so you can follow up. Jot down notes because those

notes will come in handy when you follow up later on with the recruiter.

Job Choices 2012: "Making Career Fairs Work for YOU: Career fairs can be a great way to connect with potential employers-if you prepare in advance and use your time wisely."

NEWS

Centenary's Honor Court Constitution: *Place your vote on updates today!*



Zac Cowsert
Staff Writer

A proud tradition of Centenary College of Louisiana is its student-run Honor Court, where cases regarding infractions of the Honor Code go before a jury of a student's peers.

As a Justice on the Honor Court, I am proud to report that the Honor Court

is updating its Constitution. While this may seem to be a small matter, the Constitution has not been amended since 1995.

With the advent of technology (Internet, cell phones, etc.) and the sheer passage of time, our Constitution was becoming more than a little antiquated. The proposed amendments, which have already been approved by the

Student Government Association, must also be approved by Centenary students.

A total of 18 changes are being proposed, including these key amendments:

- Academic advisors to the Court must come from all three of Centenary's academic divisions: physical sciences, social sciences, and the humanities.
- Academic advisors may

only serve one three-year term, allowing more faculty to familiarize themselves with the Court and its functions.

- Faculty must include statements in course syllabi that define what constitutes a violation of the Honor Code in their class; likewise, students are held to the specific requirements of professors on assignments, tests, and

papers.

- The Court will have a more streamlined and confidential appeals process for convictions.

- Students have traditionally been held to the Honor Code whether they signed the pledge or not; the new Constitution simply formalizes this practice.

The Honor Court firmly believes that these changes will help make the Court more efficient, add clarity to the Honor Code and what constitutes a violation of it, and ultimately benefit Centenary students' interactions with the Court.

Hopefully, you have already noticed the posters around campus notifying you of these changes. You may vote online from now until March 9. It is important that these changes be approved so that the Honor Court can improve, and better serve the student body.

Student spots on administrative committees: Does it make a difference?



Erika Lunsford
Staff Writer

Students at colleges and universities around the globe have many things in common. They want to learn, grow, thrive, but most importantly, they want to make sure their voices are heard when it comes to administrative matters.

Here at Centenary, there are several committees that promise students the power to have their voices and opinions heard when it comes to school matters. In fact, most of these committees do allow students to have a say in the bigger scheme of things.

The Conduct Review Committee "considers and decides upon all cases involving non-academic misconduct referred to it" according to the Student Handbook.

The committee also decides cases resulting from other disciplinary action. Students accused are

allowed to request a hearing before the committee in order to plea their case.

Also, at the request of the Executive Council of SGA, the committee will rule upon the constitutionality of actions taken by the Student Government Association.

The committee also has a hand in disciplinary problems and may make recommendations to judicial bodies and members of the administration charged with disciplinary responsibilities.

The Conduct Review Committee is composed of six members: one faculty member who is to reside as chair, one staff member, and four students.

Student members cannot hold any elected office on the Student Government Association or the Residence Hall Association and may not be members of the Centenary Honor Court. This ensures that there are no biases when voting on a matter.

The four voting student

members, one representing each class, are nominated by a majority vote of the Student Senate, subject to the approval of the President of the College.

The Honor Court is another committee on which students may reside and have a hand in administrative matters.

The Honor Court consists of 10 student members nominated by the faculty and student body. Five members of the Court can vote on each Honor Court violation brought before them. And the Court shall be advised by two faculty members.

Unfortunately, in order to be on the Honor Court, the student must be a junior or senior and in good standing at Centenary College at the end of the semester during which the office is to be assumed.

Also, members cannot hold any elected office to the Student Government Association, membership

on a judicial board, or membership on the Conduct Review Committee (also set up to prevent bias).

Another committee with some administrative power is the Residence Hall Association (RHA).

Students in each dorm elect peers to reside on Hall Councils. Two members from each Hall Council, the President and another representative, are selected to serve on RHA. These governing bodies set community standards, plan activities, and represent the students living on campus.

RHA executive board members are elected each spring in a campus-wide election. In addition to activity planning and student representation, RHA sets can hear judicial cases regarding minor sanctions within each Residence Hall.

RHA board members also work closely with Student Life in order to ensure student concerns and issues are brought to attention and handled.

Finally, there is the Student Government Association (SGA). SGA is composed of seven executive board members: President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Procedure, Treasurer, Secretary, and two Advisors.

There are also Senators from each class that represent students from each class in order to ensure their issues and concerns are heard.

According to their mission statement, SGA is a "body of student representatives that seeks to serve by supporting student endeavors functioning as the student's liaison to

the faculty and staff and initiating change in [the] campus and community in order to enhance the Centenary experience."

After evaluating each committee and their purposes, there is one question that arises over and over again: Do these students on administrative committees really make a difference? True, things like open SGA forums ensure that the students' voices are heard, but are the decisions made by the administration on campus swayed by the student voice?

Senior Drew Burnham, President of SGA said, "I feel that students have a significant impact upon the college's operation. Centenary puts incredible weight behind students' opinions, and their involvement in the operation of the college is at a much higher level than any university of which I have heard... From my own personal experience, my viewpoints and suggestions have been taken into consideration in all instances and have often been implemented and acted upon."

It seems that student opinion may have a much heavier weight than originally thought. The views of the student body are taken into consideration, whether or not they are implemented.

Burnham also said, "I encourage all students to voice their opinion to the SGA and members of the various students committees directly so that they can be sure their individual viewpoints are heard."

NEWS

International Spotlight: John Finn

Kayla Clemons
Staff Writer

Where are you from? A small town called Moira in the North of Ireland.

How old are you? 21

What is your major and what are you studying? My major back in Ireland is Finance. I am a student at Queen's University Belfast and when I return I will have one more year of study to complete my degree.

Why did you decide to come to the US? I thought that it would be a life changing experience and a great opportunity to enhance my knowledge of business. I feel that I have grown a lot as an individual during my time at Centenary.

If you could move anywhere, where would it be and why? When I graduate I hope to find a job in London. This

may not be my "dream move" but practically London offers great career opportunities and isn't too far from home.

What are your hobbies? I spend a lot of my free time involved in sport. I played both soccer and basketball back in Ireland and played soccer for the centenary college team first semester. I like going to gym, playing pool, ping pong...basically anything involving sport.

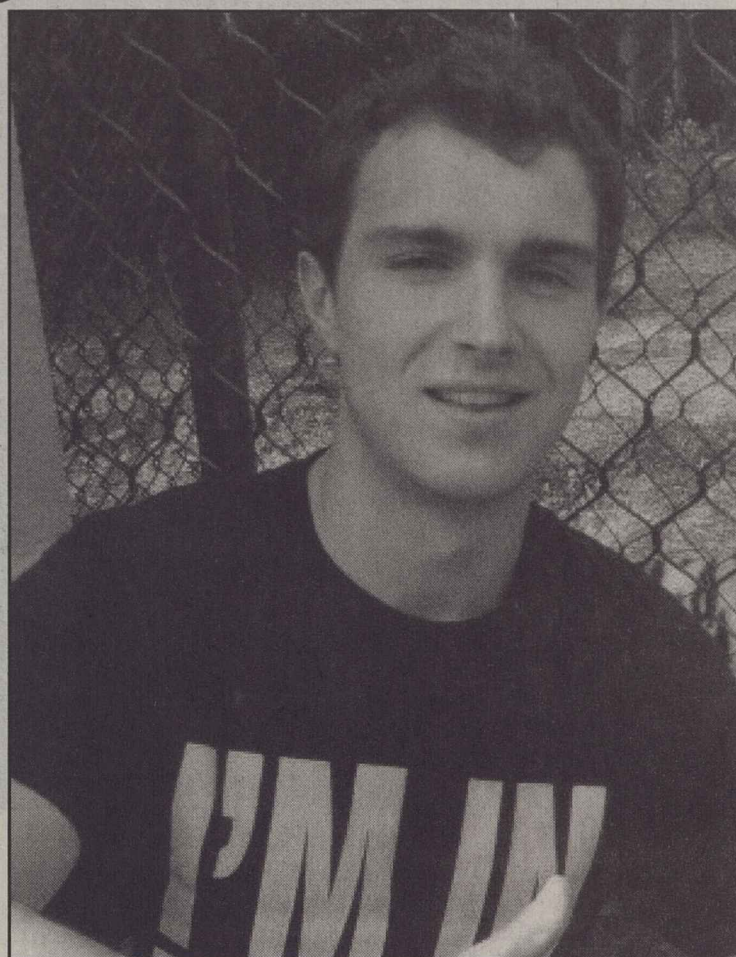
What are your favorite and least favorite things about Louisiana? My favorite things about Louisiana would be the weather, shrimp po'boys and how friendly people are to each other. My only dislike of Louisiana is the lack of nightclubs.

What is the dumbest thing people have asked you or said to you since you have been in America? I have been asked if leprechauns were

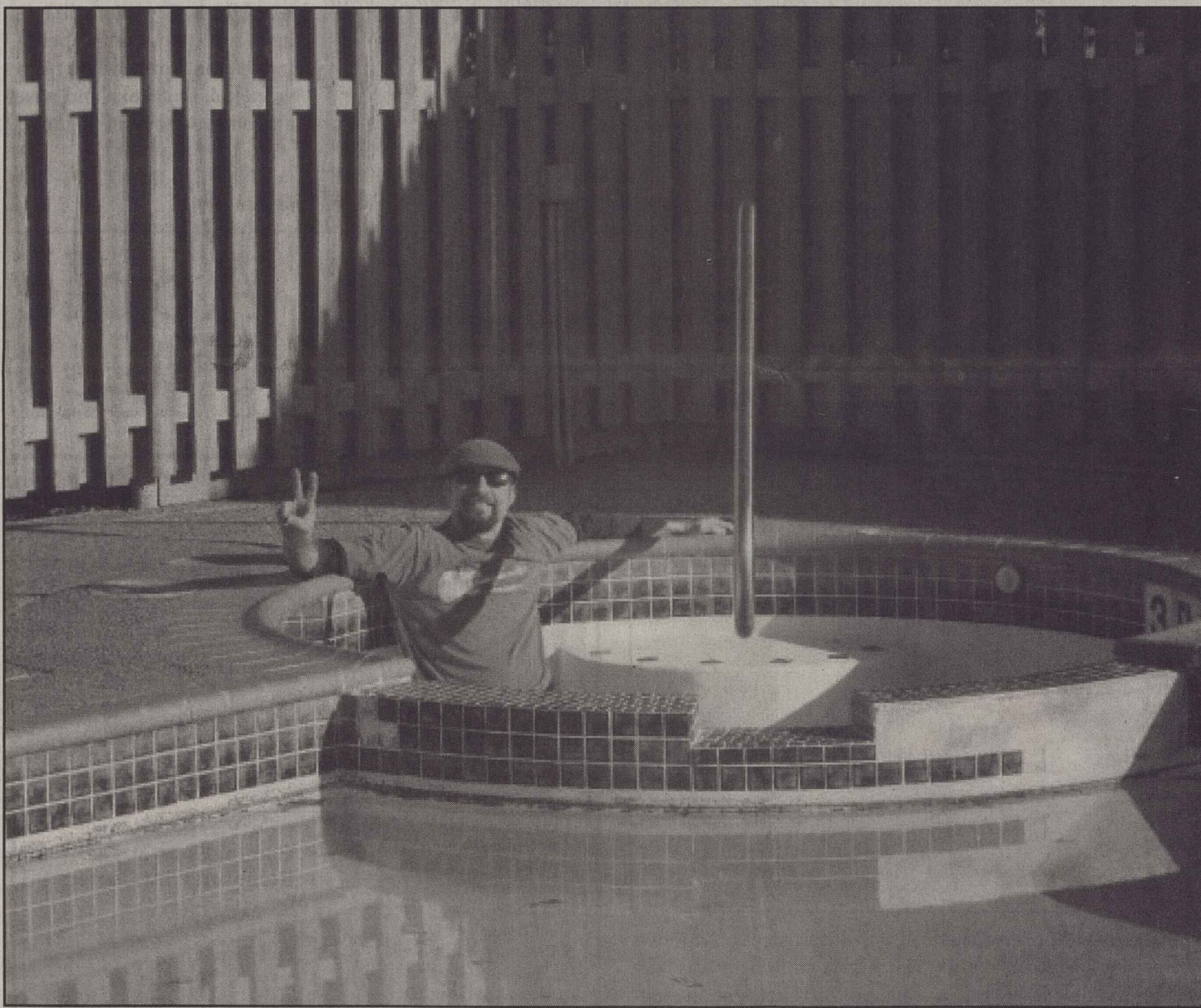
real and if I had ever seen one. Also, after hearing my accent a hairdresser looked at me very confused and asked if I was Italian.

What are the best and hardest parts about being away from home for a full school year? The best part of being away from home is the independence and freedom you get. It gives me a sense of achievement that I have been able to look after myself in a foreign country for seven months. The hardest part is the occasional homesickness you get from being away from home.

Favorite food you've had in Louisiana. Before I came to Louisiana I didn't eat fish and so I feel that spending time here has greatly changed me in this respect. My favorite food in Louisiana is shrimp followed closely by sushi.



Organization Spotlight: Alan's Hot Tub



Erika Lunsford
Staff Writer

Alan's Hot Tub is Centenary College's one-and-only improvisation group. It was founded in 2008 by Theatre professor Emily Heugatter and Centenary graduates Rachael Magill, Emily Mwakita-wa, Anna Maris, Destin Bass, Jacob Bates, Scott Gibbs, and David Fitzgibbons.

Improv is a specific theatrical genre in which improvisers play games, act out scenes, and other various activities in a completely unscripted manner. There is no planning, memorization, or pre-thinking.

Improv is solely spur of the moment, and Alan's Hot Tub plays the improv game extremely well (not to mention they are the only improv

group in Shreveport).

There is one specific rule to improv that makes Alan's Hot Tub work (or any improv group, for that matter), and that rule is "Yes, and..." Not only should scene partners agree with each other, they should contribute to the storyline.

Alan's Hot Tub also has a motto of their own: "Jump in! Swimsuit optional."

With eight current members, Alan's Hot Tub performs a Game Night every other month. They will also be performing in Alpha Psi Omega's Open Mic Night.

But don't think Alan's Hot Tub is easy. They rehearse every Monday for an hour, practicing the art of improv, trying out new games, and doing scene work.

The life of an improviser

is anything but easy. They are constantly on the spot, having to come up with ideas, characters, scenes, etc.

On the flip side though, being an improviser can be fun. Alan's Hot Tub president, senior Chelsea David said, "We are the best and only improv group on campus! It's a blast working with a troupe so diverse in style and yet so complimentary to each other."

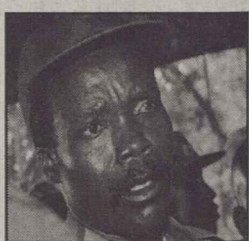
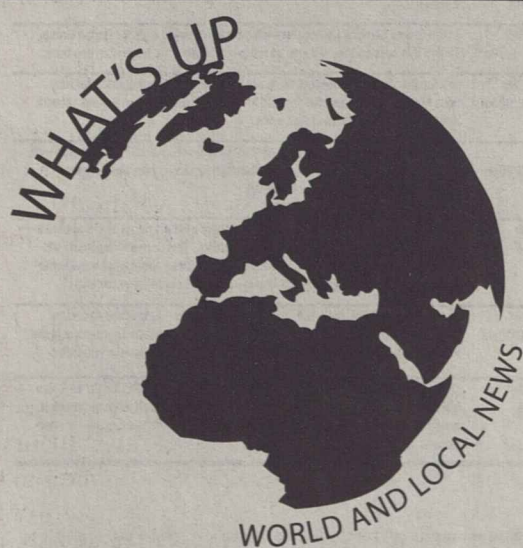
Alan's Hot Tub takes their improv style from all previous schools of improv (such as Compass Players, Second City, ImprovOlympic, and others).

David said, "Our style is very much a mixture of many different styles, including each member's own unique style and strengths."

Interested in becoming an Alan's Hot Tub member? They hold auditions every spring, and more information will be available at a later date.

When asked how the troupe named themselves, David said, "Let's just say we have this friend named Alan with a hot tub, and you never know what you're gonna get in there—just like with us!"

So if you're looking for a few laughs or just want to enjoy your night, come see Alan's Hot Tub during their next Game Night! Alan's Hot Tub is always hilarious, fresh, and tons of fun.



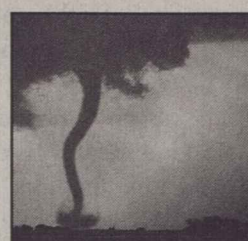
Kony

Documentarian Jason Russell is shining the spotlight on Joseph Kony, who is the leader of the Lord's Resistance Army, a notoriously bloodthirsty group in Uganda that sows fear in the Ugandan people.



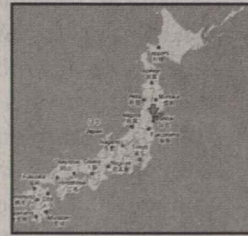
Anonymous

Police in Europe and South America have arrested 25 alleged members of the "Anonymous" hacking group. Interpol said, amid a suspected attack on its own website by the group's supporters.



Tornadoes

At least 45 separate tornadoes have been identified in last week's deadly outbreak across the Midwest and South.



Japan

Twisted metal beams still jut from the top of Japan's Fukushima Daiichi stricken reactors, almost one year after a massive tsunami triggered nuclear meltdown.

Local Frozen Yogurt in Shreveport



Erika Lunsford
Staff Writer

When looking for a place to eat that delicious frozen concoction that's not quite ice cream, know that there are several places to choose from when searching for the perfect frozen yogurt shop.

Counter Culture is a local favorite. The yogurt is tart and refreshing, and the "Humphrey Yogart" comes with fresh fruit, granola, and honey. The "Humphrey" is my personal favorite.

Want more than frozen yogurt? Counter Culture has delicious sandwiches, soups, and melts for a healthy lunch.

The only downsides to Counter Culture are the prices and the extra charge for substitutions. Other than that, the food and yogurt are both excellent, and it's a great place to hang out with family and friends. (And did I mention it's a three-minute walk from campus?)

Next on the list is Orange Leaf. Orange Leaf is a chain yogurt shop, and its

yogurt is a prime example of this: mediocre and available just about anywhere.

There were about 15 yogurt flavors, and about 20 toppings from which to choose. The prices were sky high at \$0.49 per ounce, and the yogurt was way too sweet (when it was supposed to be original tart).

The topping choices were alright, however. Especially the fresh fruit—it was, well, fresh! Unfortunately, I wouldn't recommend this place when you could visit a

local yogurt shop and have much better results.

Red Mango was the next target, and it is also a chain. Red Mango was a step up from Orange Leaf, with roughly 40 yogurt flavors and just as many toppings.

Red Mango alternates its flavors in "yogurts-of-the-day" style. They also have smoothies, parfaits, and other beverages—such as their famous artisan hot chocolates.

I sampled the mango yogurt with tons of fruit toppings, and it was relatively good (or at least better than Orange Leaf). It was roughly the same price as Orange Leaf, but the overall experience was much better than the other chain.

I would recommend this place to others, but beware which Red Mango you visit. Some locations are not self-serve, and they can get stingy with the yogurt and toppings. As long as you stick to the Shreveport location, you're good.

Finally, I visited Fruiti Yogo. It's a locally owned and operated yogurt shop, and it blew all the others out of the water! They have 12 yogurt flavors and about 20 topping choices. I choose original tart (once again), along

with various fruits, granola, and honey. Fruiti Yogo is also pay-by-the-ounce like the other shops, and it was just as expensive.

The yogurt was delicious, the cost wasn't too bad, and the general experience was much better than any of the other shops I visited.

I would definitely recommend this place first and foremost to my friends and family, and I'm anxious to go to Fruiti Yogo again to try a different flavor concoction.

After visiting these four yogurt shops, here are the results:

4th place: Orange Leaf. I was extremely disappointed with everything.

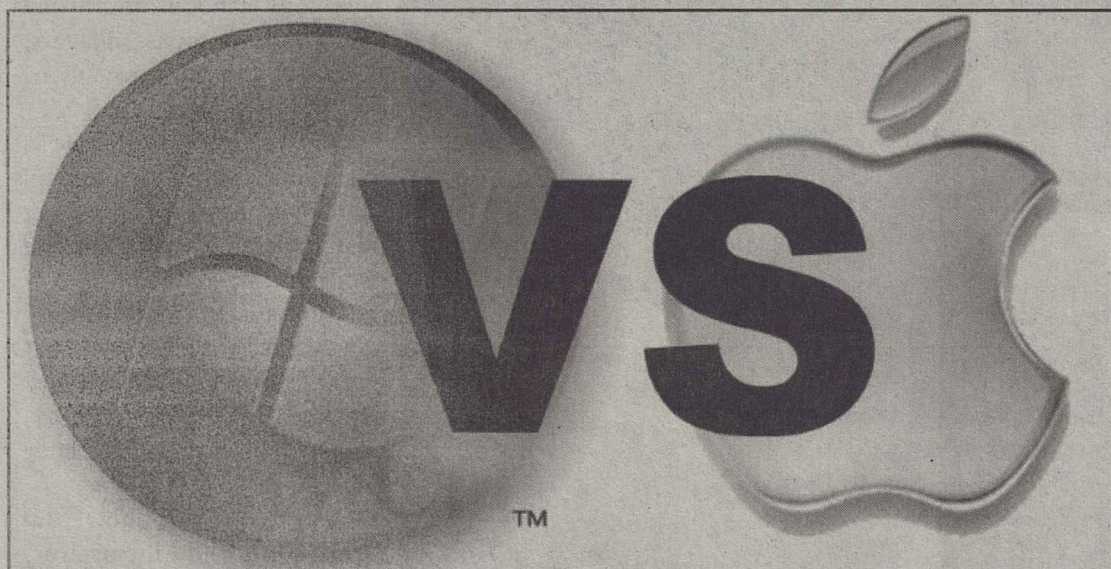
3rd place: Counter Culture. Although it's a local favorite, there aren't many options.

2nd place: Red Mango. I was pleasantly surprised with this shop.

1st place: Fruiti Yogo! Hands down, this was the best of them all.

But don't just take my word for it. Try them all! I do have to say that after spending \$35 on frozen yogurt in a weekend, I'm broke and have a good eye for great yogurt.

Tech News: Microsoft and Apple Prepare Big Releases Later this Year



Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

It is that time again for Microsoft and Apple to do battle with their latest operating system (OS) upgrades that plan to be released later this year. Microsoft, which currently has Windows 7 as its main operating system unveiled Windows 8 earlier this week. Apple will be unleashing OS X Mountain Lion later this year as well, which will be an upgrade over last year's Lion.

Is there really any reason to get excited, or are these basically little updates? Well the answer is both, but each company is releasing something that offers something different for customers and really what the user plans on doing will determine which is better suited for them. Windows 8 is making the next big move by being able to run on desktops, laptops, tablets and everything in between.

Mountain Lion will have some features from iOS, but will be restricted to only desktops and laptops. That

doesn't change the fact that it is an upgrade to an Apple product that already has a good reputation and is expected to remain the same. From an article on technews-world.com, principal analyst at Pund-IT Charles King said, "Microsoft obviously regards Windows 8 as a sophisticated tool that can be used across multiple devices and form factors, and a solution that can unite multiple end user experiences. OS X ML (Mountain Lion), on the other hand, is simply one of an ongoing series of incremental Apple upgrade with a few iOS bells and whistles," he continues.

Both products have added greater levels of incorporated features from their respective mobile platforms. The Windows Store comes on Microsoft products, which offers apps for Windows 8, and Apple has more integration with various iOS applications. Both platforms sync with the cloud, which offers storage of files, documents, photos, and settings. Each mobile device will rely on the

touch interface as Windows 8 metro interface was designed for touch-enabled devices and Apple keeps adding multi-touch support to more and more of its apps.

Since both operating systems are in the preview stages, it is unclear which one will get a better response from consumers. Windows 8 is clearly the bigger gamble between the two as Apple is staying more conservative with Mountain Lion. Probably the biggest feature that Apple has and is garnering some negative feedback is Gatekeeper. It apparently is capable of barring apps from sources other than the Apple Store. This is a minor thing though and is even optional so don't expect it to be a major issue for most users. Really each OS has already defined its own market. Neither Windows 8 or Mountain Lion is likely to alter those markets, but it will be interesting to see how these new systems develop.



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Career Services Early Spring Events

Date/Time	Event
January 18th 10:00am-3:30pm	In the Career Services Center there will be an info session with the Dalton Group. During this session they will also be holding interviews for Internship positions.
February 28th 6:00pm-8:00pm	In a location to be announced, there will be an Alumni-Student mixer for Business Majors. Juniors and Seniors will have the opportunity to meet and network with area alumni in the business world!
March 7th 7:00pm-8:30pm	In the Kilpatrick Auditorium, there will be a fashion show held in conjunction with the "College Lifestyles" website. The show will focus on "interview fashion." Come and learn about what not to wear!
March 12th Mickle 114	During the CA253 Career Strategies class, there will be a panel of 4-5 alumni in various career fields present to speak to students. This Career Symposium will allow students to network, ask questions, and get ideas about what is available for them as Centenary graduates. This is open to all students on campus!
March 14th 5:30pm-8:00pm	To kick off this event, there will be a Mocktail Reception held in the Anderson Atrium at 5:30. Following mocktails, there will be an Etiquette Dinner held in the Whitford room at 6:30. RSVP is required so be watching for more information!
March 19th Mickle 114	During the CA253 Career Strategies class, there will be a CAREERlink/ LinkedIn information session. This is open to all students to come and learn more about how CAREERlink and LinkedIn can help them find jobs, internships, and connections!

If you have any questions about the events listed above, please don't hesitate to contact Lisa Rauschenbach via email at lrauschenbach@centenary.edu or at 869.5746.

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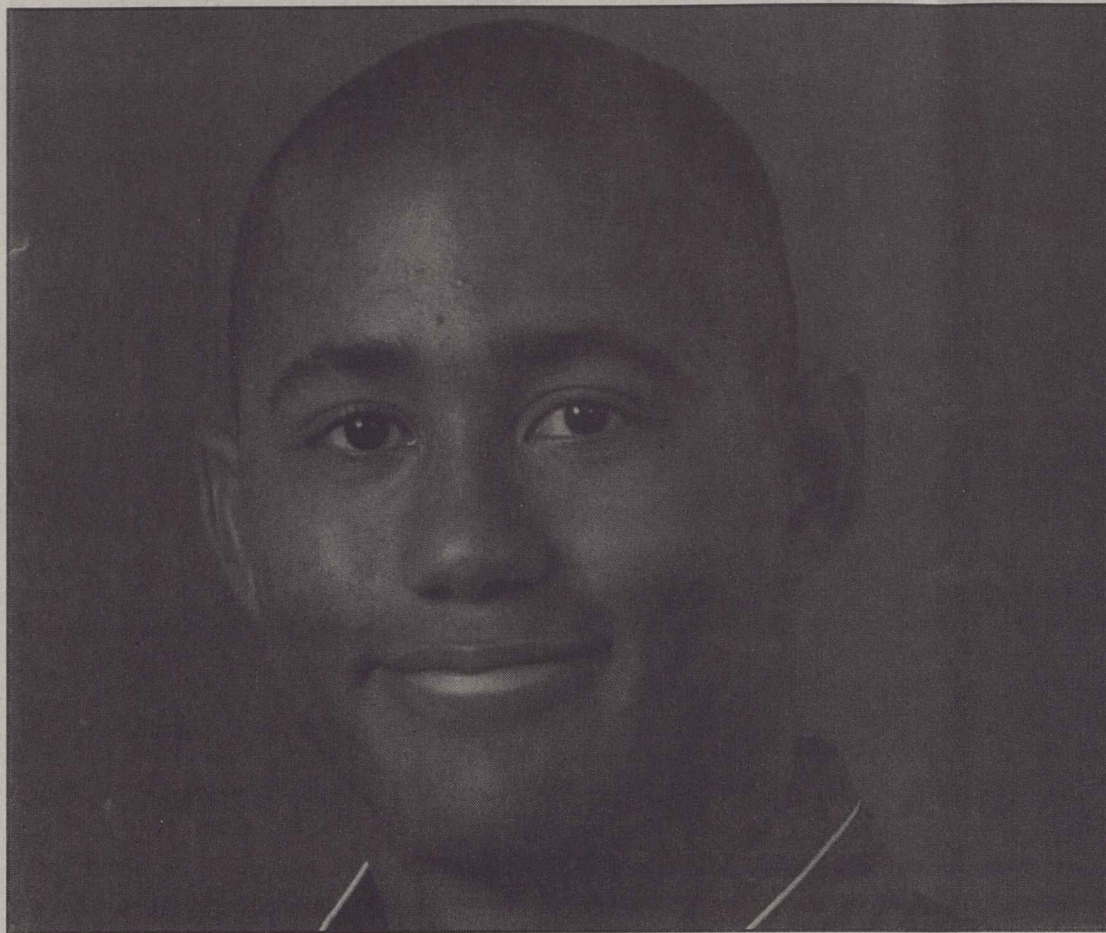
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SPORTS

Ahtlete of the Week: Devin Ross



Steven Finley
Sport Editor

Devin Ross
Sport: Swimming
Classification: Senior
Position: Sprinter
Hometown: Fort Worth
Texas
Major: Psychology

Favorite Color: Maroon and white
Favorite Sports Team: Centenary Swim Team
Favorite Restaurant: Kiddie Mias
Favorite Musical Artist: Anthony Leblanc (a.k.a. young twon and. Clay Malinovsky (a.k.a. Claymal)

Former Centenary Swimmers.
Favorite TV Show: Dragonball-z
Favorite Movie: The Sandlot
Hobbies: Playing ultimate frisbee, Watching TV, Practicing and studying martial arts when I can, and going to Centenary Athletic

events.

What do you plan on doing after graduation? Want to open a martial arts school and teach.

People you look up to:

My parents, family, and teammates.

When did you start playing or getting involved in your sport and why: Mom wanted me to start swimming because she thought it would be good for me. She said it was something new and that it would help with my martial arts.

What goes through your head as you prepare for every race: I think about my teammates and how much I care about them. I want to be a good role model for them.

What is your most memorable moment in your career: Being on the 400 free relay that placed first my sophomore year in the summit league conference. What is your least favorite thing about your sport and what is your most favorite: Least favorite thing is having to practice early in the morning and having to miss out on good sleep. Most favorite thing is being

around my teammates and enjoying the time I have with them.

If you could sum up your life in one song what would it be: Pour it up by young twon and claymal.

What advice would you give younger athletes in your sport: Improvement takes time, patience, and hard work. Believe in yourself and trust in your coaches and training. Be there for your teammates and they will be there for you. Create a positive team environment and feed off of it. You have the power to do amazing things if you just believe that you can.

Name three things you own that describe you: My black belt in karate, My centenary speedo, and my glasses.

What is your most over used word or phrase: "skinny toothpick!"

High School sports accomplishments, rewards, and placements: Silver medal in 100 yard butterfly at district 4-5A championships.

Making the Game Look Easy



Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

With most of the students were spending their Mardi Gras break relaxing and enjoying the random Louisiana weather, Centenary's baseball team continued their dominance on the diamond. The Gents have shown that hard work pays off by sweeping McMurry State University and Texas College with ease. The Gents recently took their talents to the Lone Star State and won 2 out of 3 against Hardin Simmons.

Against McMurry State, The War Hawks scored first when the DeLeon-Moench combination opened the game with back-to-back doubles to go up 1-0. In the sec-

ond inning, McMurry tallied a pair of unearned runs in the second inning to expand the advantage to 3-0.

But it was all Centenary from that point on. After the 2nd inning, Lance Nugent shut the War Hawks down. The bottom of the 2nd Jemari James scored on a Nic Parrott double before the ending of that inning. Ryan Gasporra led off the bottom of the 3rd with a triple, and sprinted home to score a few pitches later on a wild pitch. Nugent put down three batters straight which gave more momentum to the Gents.

At the bottom of the 4th the Gents took control of the game by scoring three runs. Singles by Marc Martinez and Nic Parrott allowed a ground-rule double by Matt

Creamer to plate one run and an RBI groundout by Ryan Gasporra giving the Gents a victorious 4-3.

The Gents swept the War Hawks winning big in the double-header 15-2. The Gents exploded offensively for 15 runs on 11 hits in the nightcap, scoring in each of the six innings in the run-ruled contest, including three in the first, four in the second and five in the sixth.

Cole Thompson improved to 2-1 with a complete-game, ten-strikeout effort, walking only one. Thompson also writes a blog called "On the Bump" to update fans on the teams progress on Centenary's athletic website. The War Hawks pitchers were not as successful going against the power-

ful Centenary offense. Zach Mattys lasted four innings after the Gent's offense pounded nine runs on eight hits. Caleb Gonzales and Jordan Mattke tossed the final two innings and combined for six runs on three hits.

The Gents put on yet another batting clinic for the War Hawks in this nightcap. Morton pushed R3 for hitstick and cranked a three-run bomb in the bottom of the first to put the Gents up 3-0, followed by a Creamer RBI fly out. Clakely ended the inning's scoring with his second and final hit of the day, a three-run bomb to right field.

Nick Parrott used an RBI single in the third to put Centenary up 8-0 before Gasporra dialed 9 for long distance

for a solo homer to right center extending the lead to 9-0.

McMurry was able to sneak their only two runs in fifth, but the Gents rallied in the sixth for their biggest inning of the series. Jemari James was patient on the plate to force a walk to score Clakely before Marc Martinez, being young and athletic, slugged a bases-clearing double. Christian Sebastien drove in the game's final run with a pinch hit groundout.

The Gents will play at Shehee Stadium against Division-1 Louisiana Tech. This will be a great test for Centenary. The Centenary Baseball team will then host a three-game set against ASC adversary East Texas Baptist March 9.

SPORTS

Kekambas Prove they can dribble with more than their feet



Christian Prince
Staff Writer

Through all the complications of getting intramural basketball season underway, after two weeks it finally produced two new champions to the intramural sports

ring. While KA dominated football and the Sigs Ultimate Frisbee, Kekambas, players from the men's soccer team, proved they could dribble with more than their feet by winning the intramural basketball championship. Kekambas did not lose

a game, and only tied one regular season game (in regular season play games can end in a tie). Vast amounts of athleticism from Ben Barcelona, RB Asenime, and many others helped propel Kekambas into the Championship game. Finishing in a

close second and third was Old School and Wolfpack. Hooligans, KA, and Sig A were all knocked out early in the playoff rounds but finished with decent regular season records, nearly splitting their win-loss records.

On the female side

a new champ was also crowned. While Flag Football and Ultimate Frisbee were both dominated by ZTA, basketball was a Chi-O championship victory. For the first time all year, three girls' teams competed. Women's soccer also had a game. All three teams emerged with victories in basketball. Although ZTA had defeated Chi-O earlier in the season, they were defeated in the championship. Chi-O defeated both Women's Soccer and ZTA, losing only their first game of the season. Women's Soccer was only able to pull a single win again ZTA during the first week of play.

Now students have geared up for softball season. Three weeks on Jones Rice enjoying the beautiful winter/spring air while enjoying the perks of the new additions to the field. Look for Theta Chi, Kekambas, Men's Basketball, TKE, and Sig in action in the men's league. There is also a full competition of women's teams as well including Women's Basketball, Women's Soccer, Women's Swim, ZTA, and Chi-O. Come out and support these teams during softball season and get ready for soccer coming the last week of March!

Ladies End Season in Heart-breaking Manner



Christian Prince
Staff Writer

Before Mardi Gras break the Ladies basketball team's season came to a heart-breaking close. The Ladies

wrapped up their season with their final two games in Clinton, MS against Mississippi College and Pineville, LA against Louisiana College. By winning these two games the Ladies would have reached their goal of winning

10 games, but unfortunately were unable to grab a win at either place.

In Clinton the Ladies lost to the Lady Choctaws 101-67. Despite the loss three Ladies landed in double digits. Freshmen Derrany Thomas

and Ronny Kendrick both had eleven points and Junior Jalena Sanders had seventeen points. The Ladies were yet again outrebounded 52-41. A game changing situation they have struggled with all season.

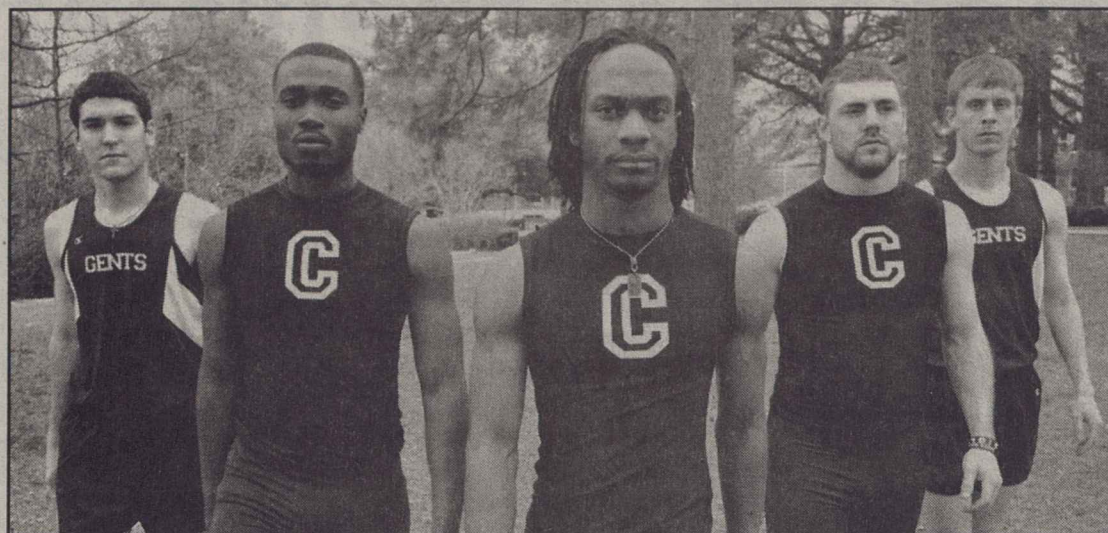
In their final game of the season the Ladies suffered a 108-70 loss to the Lady Wildcats of LC. In the final game of her college career, Senior Megan Daniel accumulated forty minutes of play with fourteen points and eight rebounds. Junior Vashni Sharp-Moore had twenty-two points and eleven rebounds. Junior Kelly Johnstone dropped twelve points and had four rebounds. As a team the Ladies had 39 turnovers as opposed to the Lady Wildcats' 23. While the Ladies managed to grab 49 rebounds they allowed their opponent to get an astounding 64.

The Ladies major weak point has been rebounding. These final games have been no exception. The Ladies finished 8-14 in the American Southwest Conference and 8-17 for the overall season. Credit must be given to the Ladies for achieving more wins this season than many of the previous ones. While they are still transiting to Division III play, the Ladies are gearing up for another season.

Off season workouts will begin shortly and while it is time for some Ladies to move on, a new class is waiting to come in and further build Centenary's program. The Ladies will yet again have to adjust to another conference change next year, but will already have their feet wet in Division III play. Time to prepare for next season!

SPORTS

Centenary Track Showing Out



Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

The Centenary Track Club has been busy the past three weeks competing in competitive track meets all across the South. The team has been fortunate enough to gain supporters for its efforts to compete in these meets. The Gents have traveled to Mississippi to Texas to show off their hard work.

February 17, 2012- The team first traveled to the Rose Capital of the world in Tyler, Texas to compete in the UT-Tyler Invitational. Being that it was only the first meet of the season, only three members of the team were able to compete. Sophomores Grayson Collins and James Michael showed off their speed in the 100 meter dash. Junior Chad Nelson showed his talents in the 800 meter race.

Along with UT Tyler and Lon Morris, other participating schools were Texas College, Texas Wesleyan, Wiley College and Centenary. Both UT-Tyler

and Lon Morris College are defending champions in both Track and Field and Cross Country in their conferences. The Gents were competing against very stiff competition.

The 100 meter race had over twenty-five competitors with many runners sprinting impressive times. Grayson Collins and James Michael were old teammates in high school and have been off the track for over two years. However both men finished in the top fifteen. Collins ran an 11.25 and Michael was close behind with an 11.34.

Nelson competed in the 800 meter run placing 6th out of 13 runners; running a respectable 2:07. Overall the Centenary men ran well for their first meet and look to improve as they traveled to A&M Commerce for the next meet.

February 24, 2012- Even though it was Mardi Gras break, the Gents Track Team took no time off and traveled to Commerce, Texas to the beautiful complex of Memorial Stadium. The team consisted of senior

Jonathan Martin, juniors Myles McDonald and Chad Nelson, and sophomore sprinter Grayson Collins. This meet was one of the bigger meets that the Gents will compete in this year. Schools such as Texas A&M Commerce, Southern Arkansas University, and Southwest College attended this meet.

Nelson started the day off well for Centenary running a 4:34 in the 1500 meter run. Battling a difficult wind, Nelson finished 4th in his heat and 13th overall out of 20 runners. The distance crew continued to run well with Myles and Martin competing in the 5000m run. Myles ran an impressive 16:43 finishing 13th and Martin followed close with a 16:53 finishing 16th. Both Gents have been training for the Triathlon team as well as the Track and Field team.

Collins finished out the day with the 100m race and improved from his previous time; finishing 2nd in his heat and 13th out of 26 runners. The Gents finished with three

top fifteen finishes. This is a very impressive feat for a newly put together team.

March 3, 2012- The Gents most anticipated track meet of the year was at Mississippi College. The Choctaws hosted their first outdoor meet and invited the Centenary Gents to compete in an athletic field. Mississippi College, Stillman College, Rust College, Oglethorpe, Texas College, and rival Millsaps attended this meet.

The meet started with the mid-distance man Chad Nelson competing in the 1500 meter run. The race was a growing experience with Nelson running ten seconds faster than the previous week. Nelson posted a personal best 4:24 and placing 5th out of thirteen runners.

The sophomore sprinters for Centenary, Grayson Collins and James Michael, dashed to great races in their heats in the 100 meter run. Collins ran an 11.24 placing 7th and James Michael a 12.10 grabbing 17th out of a twenty-two participants.

Nelson went right back to work in the 800 meter sprint with little recovery, racing in a very physical event. Nelson, on the opening lap had to fight for position and moved a few runners out of his way to run a season best 2:05. Understanding the rivalry between Millsaps, Nelson passed three Millsaps runners to reassure Centenary's dominance in both the classroom and athletic competitions. Nelson finished 5th out of twelve college participants.

Newly added Ron Coleman competed very well in the 100 high hurdles giving the Gents another top five finish for the day. Collins got on the track for the second time of the day in the 200 meter race where he had not raced since being a youngster in high school. Collins won his heat and overall placed 3rd out of nineteen competitors.

5,000 meter specialist Myles McDonald ran a 16:46 placing 5th out of his field of competition. Following directly after the 5k, the 4x400 meter relay was up for the Gents. Limited on personnel, the Gents convinced Coleman and Myles to assist Nelson and Poole in the 4x400 relay. Robert Poole defiantly showed off his speed putting up the quickest split on the team. The relay finished 4th overall.

As a whole, the Gents rallied up six top-five finishes after only bringing six athletes to the track meet. Co-Captain Collins said, "The past three weeks have been amazing. I enjoy seeing my teammates growing and improving as the season progresses." The Gents will travel back to Mississippi on April 6th to compete once again.

The team would like to thank Ricky and Sherryl Nelson, the Collins Family, Erin and Charlie Watson, Mr. LeRoy and Centenary's Head Basketball Coach Adam Walsh for their donations to the track club.

Ladies Fall in the ASC Conference First Pitch Tournament

Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

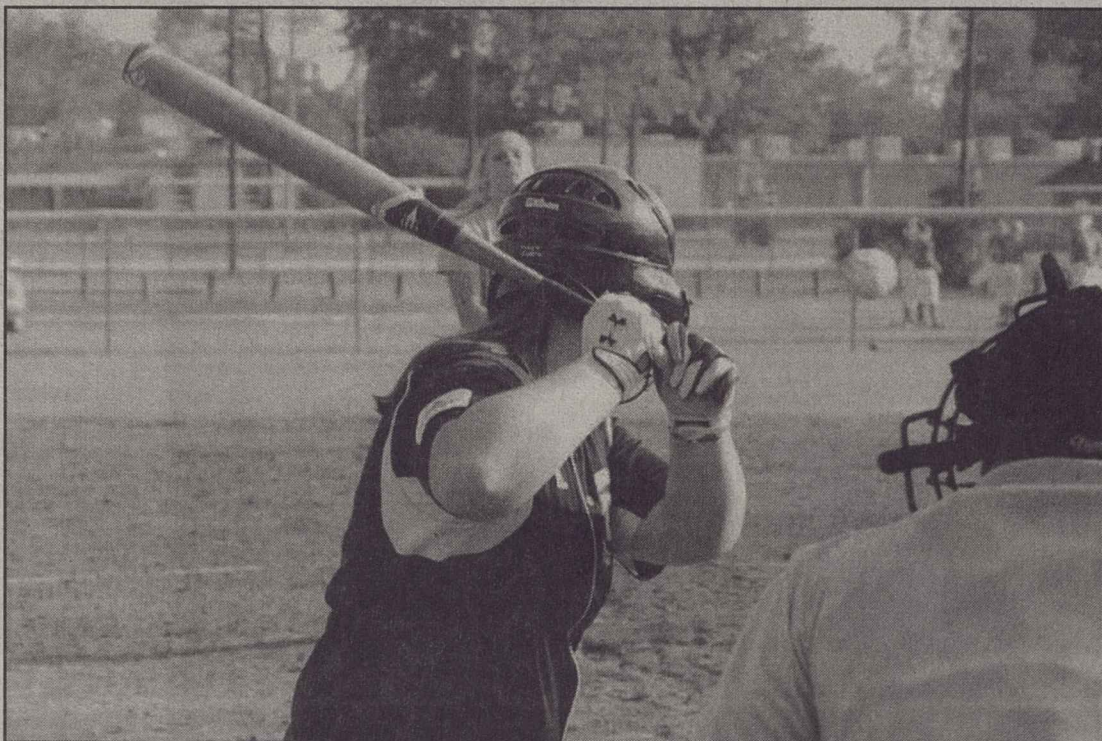
The Centenary Ladies Softball team returned to action this past weekend on the road and faced conference foes in the American Southwest Conference First Pitch Tournament. The Ladies were seeking their first win of the season after dropping two games two weeks ago.

The Ladies had two exciting games. In game one, the Ladies were on top until Howard Payne used a seven run sixth inning to erase a 5-3 deficit. The Ladies used the long ball in this contest as senior Kayln Harris stroked a two-run shot in the first and junior transfer Lindsey Sconce knocked a solo homer in the second. The Ladies led 5-0 after three.

Game two was just as exciting as freshman Keya Brandon knocked a double down the left field line in the

top of the 8th inning to put the Ladies in front 5-3. However, Schreiner's Callie Caesar responded with a three-run single in the bottom of the inning to steal a 6-5 win. The Ladies would then fall in game two 10-5 to Howard Payne (4-6), while Schreiner improved to 3-5 in the win.

Offense was great for the Ladies that day as the Ladies combined for 26 hits and 10 runs between both games Friday. Sophomore Nicole Warren scored the game's first run against Schreiner to put Centenary up 1-0. Senior Reggie Salvatore singled in Freshman Cadie Hancock, who previously hit a double to get in scoring position, to go up 2-0. The Ladies would surrender three runs in the fourth, but wouldn't go quietly. Harris, knotted the game in the fifth with an RBI single, it would be Brandon's double in extra frames to get the Ladies on top. Unfortunately the Mountaineers



had enough fight in them for one last rally in the bottom of the frame to take the second game. Freshman Sierra Bailey took her first loss, but pitched 7 1/3 innings and had two strikeouts while walking one. She allowed six runs, but only earned four.

Saturday was a little

tougher for the young Ladies team, as they dropped both contests 14-3 and 11-3 to Mary Hardin-Baylor (4-7) and Southwestern (6-7) respectively. The Ladies did chip away in both contests, but fielding errors proved to be too much. In the final contest against Southwestern,

Junior Jessica McDonald and Harris led the offense with two hits and an RBI apiece.

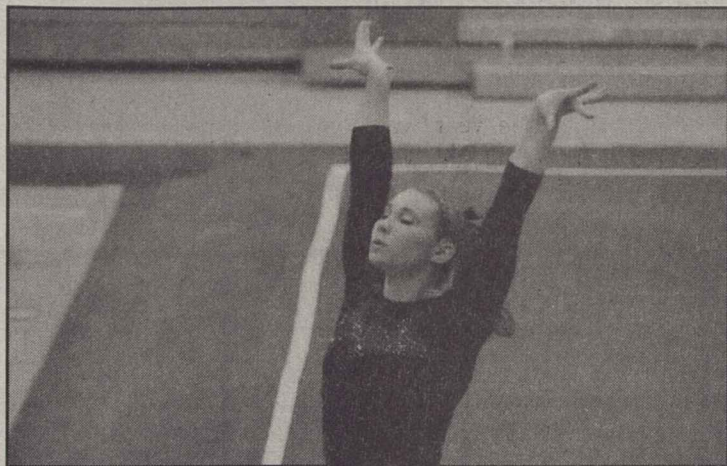
The Ladies played at home Thursday to makeup a double header against Millsaps. They will play on the road against UT-Tyler for a double header on Saturday. Go Ladies!

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

March 9	March 10	March 11	March 13	March 14	March 15
Tennis Men and Women's Mar 09 UT-Dallas Centenary Tennis Complex 3:00 p.m. Baseball Mar 09 ETBU Shehee Stadium 6:00 p.m.	Baseball Mar 10 ETBU Shehee Stadium 1:00 p.m. Softball Mar 10 UT-Tyler at Tyler, Texas 4:00 p.m.	Tennis Women's Mar 10 Univ. of the Ozarks at Clarksville, Ark. 12:00 p.m. Gymnastics Mar 10 Illinois State, Chicago-Illinois Gold Dome 6:00 p.m.	Lacrosse Mar 11 University of Dallas Mason Field 3:00 p.m. Softball Mar 13 Louisiana College at Pineville, La. 4:00 p.m.	Softball Mar 13 Louisiana College at Pineville, La. 6:00 p.m. Tennis Mar 15 Louisiana College TBA	

SPORTS

Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler: *Let These Good Times Keep Rollin'*



Stephanie Wright
Staff Writer

At the beginning of Mardi Gras Break the Ladies hosted their first home gymnastics meet on February 17th against TWU. The ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha helped out with the Think Pink theme and the first meet against TWU was a huge success. The ladies posted their second highest all around score a 191.250. With the crowd all in pink there was a great turnout for the event.

While everyone was enjoying their Mardi Gras break back at home the gymnasts stayed in Shreveport and worked hard for their next competition. The next Saturday, February 25, the ladies hard work had paid off and they posted their third highest team all around score, a 190.775, against Springfield College.

For all of you that do not

know a lot about gymnastics, here's a little insight about the sport. The highest score you can receive in college is 10.0. Any little wobble, bent knee, or flexed foot unfortunately results in a deduction. Therefore the closer your score is to a ten the better the routine was. Also for all collegiate gymnasts and teams their goal throughout the season is to qualify and place well at nationals. Centenary College gymnastics' program is part of the USAG nationals. Out of the schools in this ranking, the top 8 ranked teams qualify to nationals, which is the very last meet of the season and this year will be held in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Centenary College is currently ranked in 6th place. "Which is a good place, but we can definitely do better," says Senior Melody Smith.

The schools are ranked based on their RQS score, which is an average of the

teams' top 6 team all around scores. Three of these top scores must be from away meets. This means that every meet each team is trying to top the score from their previous meet. By doing this it allows the team to drop their lower scores, which will raise their RQS score, therefore raising their position in the rankings. Currently for the Ladies RQS score they are still counting their 187.750 from their meet at Central Michigan. In order for the ladies to improve their RQS they will need to beat this score at their conference meet in Chicago in three weeks.

For those of you who were not able to attend the meets over the Mardi Gras break, here are some highlights. From the Think Pink meet on vault Sophomore Robyn Price and Junior Christy Martinez posted their career and season's high scores with Price's 9.750, closely followed by Martinez's 9.725. On the uneven bars Senior Stephanie Wright led the way with a 9.700, closely followed by Sophomore Robyn Price's 9.650, a career high.

On the balance beam Ciara Maradiaga tied her previous career high with a 9.825, followed by Junior Meg Crowley (9.700), and Sophomore Tawnee Hadd (9.700) a new season high.

On the floor exercise Senior Lauren Carlton started with a solid performance earning her a 9.8, a new season high. The floor rotation ended with another strong performance from Junior Meg Crowley, who received a 9.825. "We've been working really hard on our consistency in the gym and that definitely transferred over to our meet tonight" said Junior Meg Crowley. "I'm so proud of my ladies."

From the meet against Springfield College on February 25, starting on vault Junior Christy Martinez posted her career high score of a 9.750. On the uneven bars Junior Jessica Lieblich and Senior Stephanie Wright wrapped up the event with Lieblich's 9.625 and Wright's 9.700. On the balance beam the "Beam Queens" Meg Crowley and Ciara Maradiaga tied for first place both receiving a 9.775. On the floor exercise Junior Jessica Lieblich received her season high score of a 9.800. There were also two all around competitors this meet. The experienced Junior Jessica Lieblich and for the first time Sophomore Robyn Price. When asked about the teams' performance Junior Jessica Lieblich had a few thoughts. "I thought tonight was a great night for us. We stayed focused on our teammates and each of us was

determined to put forth our best effort. It was great to get a win, but we had some uncharacteristic mess-ups tonight. With gymnastics there is always room for improvement which means that we will continue our hard work in the gym so we can be the best we can be."

The ladies return to action this Saturday, March 10. It is their alumni meet, which means there should be a lot of support from the crowd. For those of you that will be in the crowd and might not know when to cheer here are a few pointers.

On the vault, during the ladies competition vaults everyone raises up their arms and yells AAHHH-HHH while the gymnast runs down the vault runway, when they hit the springboard we throw down our arms and say WOOSH! And then of course when they do a great vault we cheer. This year there is a new addition to all of the floor competitor's floor routines.

Before each of their first tumbling passes they all have a choreographed pose where their arms are in an L formation. When they hit this pose we, along with all of the other gymnasts yell LADIES. So this next Saturday try and find all the "Ladies" in the floor routines!

Centenary Swimmers Wrap Up Season



Kate Rivers
Staff Writer

After a long and challenging season, the Ladies and Gents swim team finally wrapped up competition last

Saturday with a spectacular performance at the NSISC Conference meet.

On the women's side, Henderson State ended up winning the meet with 777 points in front of the 686 points

that Truman State acquired. The Ladies finished their meet with a respectable 535 points and ended up fifth place once the competition came to a close.

On the men's side, Missouri S&T and Delta State finished with the top 2 rankings, while the Centenary Gents were able to secure fourth place despite not having a diving team.

Marking the beginning of the meet and the first spectacular performance, the women's 200-medley relay team of Lauren Lassiter, Brittany Wilkens, Hayley Schneider, and Allison Jones secured a close 5th place finish in front of two other teams.

Some of the great individual performances on the women's side included Hayley Schneider and Laura Huning in the 100-yard butterfly (fourth and fifth place), Cassie Cloutet and Ashley Giffen in the 200-yard freestyle (sixth and eighth), Brittany Wilkens in the 100 and 200 yard breaststroke (eighth and sixth), Lauren Lassiter and Chelsea Russell in the 100-yard backstroke (third and fifth), Lauren Lassiter, Chelsea Russell, and Kate Rivers in the 200-yard backstroke (second, fourth, and fifth), Allison Jones in the 50 free (sixth place), Chelsea Russell in the 200-yard IM (eighth), and Julie Hughes in the 200-yard butterfly (sixth).

Out of the five different relays that the Ladies

competed in, they were able to secure sixth place in the 200-medley relay, fourth in the 200-yard freestyle relay, fourth in the 400-medley relay, sixth in the 800-yard freestyle relay, and fifth in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Although the Ladies were only able to secure an overall fifth place finish in the meet, their performances exceeded expectations in many ways.

On the men's side of the competition, the 200-yard medley relay team of Peter Henry, Austin Butler, and Caleb McSorely performed exponentially well and finished in second place, less than a second behind first place finisher Ouachita Baptist.

Highlighting the individual swims for the meet included Matthew Pittman in the 1000-yard freestyle (ninth place), Devin Ross, Peter Henry, Austin Butler, and Caleb McSorely in the 50-yard freestyle (first, third, fifth, and seventh), Ryne Smith in the 400-yard individual medley (seventh), Devin Ross and Peter Henry in the 100-yard butterfly (second and fifth), Austin Butler and Anthony LeBlanc in the 200-yard freestyle (third and fifth), Ross Olivier and Michael Schwandt in the 100-yard backstroke (sixth and seventh), Ross Olivier in the 200-yard backstroke (second), and Ryne Smith in the 200-yard breaststroke (seventh).

Out of their five different relays, the boys were able to secure second place in the 200-medley relay, first place in the 200-yard freestyle relay (also a conference record), second in the 400-medley relay, seventh in the 800 free relay, and first in the 400 freestyle relay, setting yet another conference record with the time of 3:01.14.

Overall, the NSISC Conference Championships was an incredible meet for every Centenary swimmer on the team. The boys were able to set two conference records in two relays, and therefore made their lasting mark on this conference's history.

Although Centenary will not be returning to this conference meet next season, the teams that they competed against will surely remember the year that Centenary swam at the NSISC Championships.

Junior and captain Julie Hughes says that this conference meet is "one we will never forget...not just because we swam well, but also because it marks the last year for our great seniors and the only year we would compete in this conference. It was a great ending meet for not only the seniors, but for the whole team."

Although the swim team is now currently in off-season, they will begin training again in order to stay in shape for next year's competition in hopes for another great conference!

EXTRAS

Horoscopes

Daniel Proveaux

Aries- If the Devil wears Prada, what does God wear? You've probably never asked yourself this question because it really doesn't matter any-ways. Just remember that hell is full of fire and Prada is pretty pricey. Priding yourself on expensive possessions will turn your friends away from you.

Taurus- Spring is in the air. Spending time outside now is a great way to relax. Try to convince your professor to have class outside. The Quad is underused as it is, so imagine lying out in the grass and listening to your professor preach or lecture or ramble.

Gemini- Can you make a broom stand up on its bristles? Wow, you're just like every other idiot on Facebook. Impress everyone and make it stand on its own by the handle. Try standing other objects up by themselves.

Cancer- Spank. It's a word that will not only recur surprisingly often this week, but will also make you pray for better, more simple times. We don't mean spank in a sexy way.

Leo- Weird is not a word you'd normally associate with your behavior. That's because you're completely normal and sane. However, don't think you got this way by yourself.

Virgo- If you lose money today you can be assured that the nature of human kindness will mean you never see it again. This is because today the nature of human kindness is to be as mean as an old woman the day before pension day.

Libra- Stop being a cranky-pants this week. There are plenty of things in the world to smile about. Yes, we re-

alize there are equally enough things to frown about in this world, but on the bright side the majority of those things are in the school cafeteria, which is plenty avoidable.

Scorpio- Take the time to ponder some of life's most confusing theories. For example, is a zebra white with black stripes or is it white with black stripes? If you figure out the answer while you lay under a tree, please let me know.

Sagittarius- You will be provoked by a spotty teenager. Don't rise to him. Everything will suddenly sound good to you today. This may be due to the fact that love has just entered your life in the form someone floating down a river in a large plastic swan-type boat. Or it may just be because you've won a serious

amount of money and people want to shower you with platitudes.

Capricorn- Your itchy nose will soon be gone after you suffer a week of agonizing pain while you are locked in a pepper cupboard wearing only a strait-jacket. All the best plans go awry, so please make sure you're ready for any surprises.

Aquarius- The thought of you losing your mind is making you lose your mind. If you ever get out of that hole, the chances are that you're still going to be a neurotic plague of badness. Everything you've ever felt about anything will be tested today during some troubling moment in which you'll learn something about anything or everything.

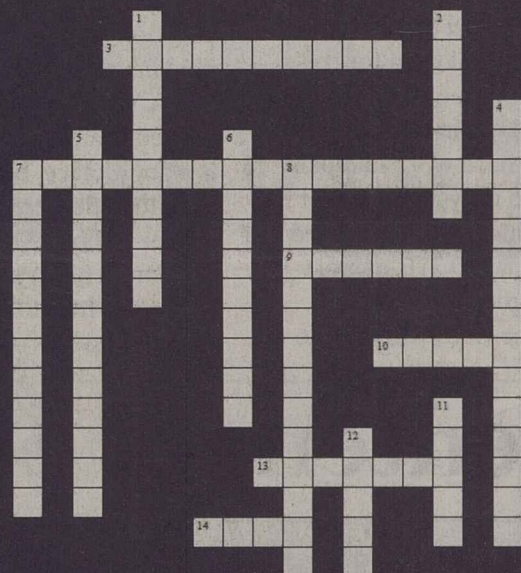
Pisces- This year may seem to have started as you intended, but what's happened since, eh? Nothing. You haven't

done anything. Get out there and get something started! There are definitely drawbacks to all your best laid plans. Be aware that today might not be your lucky day.

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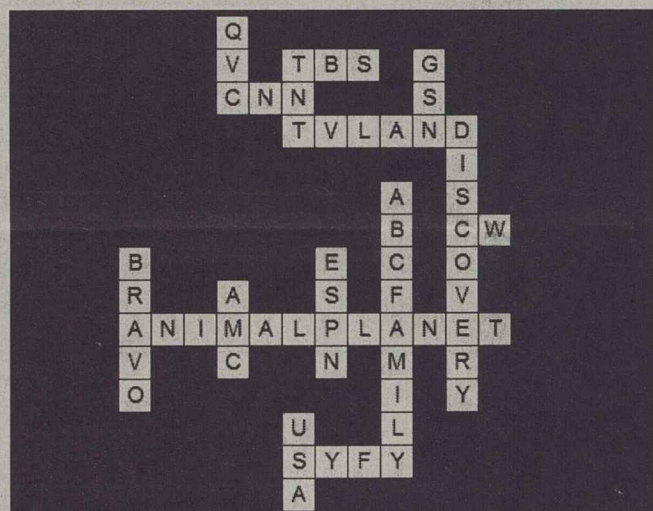
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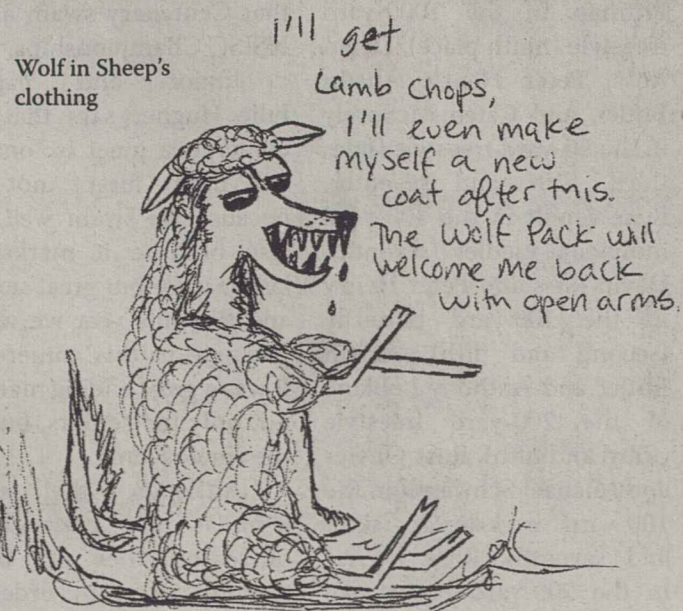
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Who Gives a Flock of Sheep

by Hadley Million





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Career Networking: Etiquette Dinner: *Impress for success!*



Erika Lunsford
Staff Writer

The Career Networking Etiquette Dinner is an event held yearly in which students from all backgrounds of study can come meet alumni from various professional fields.

Also, the dinner is led by Teri Haynes, a leader in etiquette and protocol with certification from the Protocol School of Washington. She teaches students are taught the dos and don'ts of mingling and dining etiquette for social and business settings.

It's a great event to help students learn how to mingle and dine in any social or business situation, and students have departed with new tips and ideas after each etiquette dinner held in the past.

The first few years had some good information, but the dinner itself was more trial-and-error.

This year, the event held itself to much higher standards and did nothing short of deliver.

The evening started off with a mingle session. For about an hour, students had cocktails and ate hors d'oeuvres while mingling with each other and alumni from various professional fields.

Mingling allows for people to meet and speak with those who aren't at their table.

Once the dinner starts, you are resigned to your table for the rest of the evening; therefore, it's a good idea to truly mingle and work your way around the entire room if possible.

Next came the dinner. Students were ushered to their pre-determined tables according to their major or field of interest.

Mrs. Haynes started off

by giving a few pointers to the attendees about proper etiquette for the first portions of the dinner.

Then the four-course dinner began. The food was excellent, and during each course, Mrs. Haynes would make her way from table to table answering questions, giving pointers, and tutoring individuals one-on-one with problem areas.

Between each course, Mrs. Haynes would head to the podium to offer more tips and pointers that were either general information or course-specific.

The presentation was excellent, and each table remained engaged with one another and the alumni in their specific fields of interest.

Towards the end of the meal, a lot of pertinent information had been given, and those in attendance were already implementing what they had learned.

It was great to see, even after having attended an etiquette dinner before, how much more could be learned. Most of the tips are simple and can be remembered easily, and they may help in a future etiquette situation.

Here are a few tips to help in any setting:

1. Always enter and leave your chair from the right. This helps with the flow of

people, and it keeps you from bumping into someone else.

2. After using a utensil, such as a teaspoon, never place it back on the clean table. If

there is a plate you can place it on, do so. If not, leave it in your tea glass.

3. Take small bites so you can tuck your food into the back of your mouth while talking (versus making others wait while you chew an enormous bite).

4. Remember BMW. It lets you know what utensils, plates, and cups are yours.

B is for bread, the farthest plate to your left.

M stands for meal, which is centered directly in front of your chair.

And W is for water and other liquids, which are the farthest items to your left.

Only the items between your bread plate and your liquids are yours, so make sure you don't accidentally grabbing and using your neighbor's items.

5. Finally, try a little of everything served to you unless you know you're allergic. It's rude to pick and choose what to eat if someone went through a lot of work to make several meals/food items.

Etiquette is something of which few people have a great knowledge or understanding, but it can go a long way in impressing your friends, family, and especially coworkers or future employers.

The Career Networking Etiquette Dinner was a huge success, and there is only room for improvement at this point. A great thanks goes out to Elizabeth Everett for organizing and hosting this helpful and fun event.

Tornado Devastation in America: *Is Centenary prepared for the worst?*



Erika Lunsford
Staff Writer

The month of March started off with a roar of tornadoes—159 to be exact, according to the National Weather Service (NWS).

The deadly outbreak March 2 and 3 boasted 60 confirmed tornadoes, 41 fatalities, and millions of dollars in damages.

March's tornado outbreak occurred over a large section of the southern U.S. into the Ohio Valley region. Kentucky had the most casualties, but Alabama, Indiana, and Ohio were also hit hard.

This outbreak is the second deadliest recorded for early March in the U.S.; only

the Candlestick Park tornado had a higher death toll caused by tornadic activity in early March of 1966.

For 2012, there has been an unusual and deadly outbreak of tornadoes. The National Weather Service confirmed 304 tornadoes so far this year, and the most active months (April and May) are yet to come.

It's a terrifying thought considering Centenary is located in one of the four "Tornado Alley" sections known as Dixie Alley (the most active portion of the map) according to an Akron University researcher, Michael Frates.

Frates plotted tornadic activity since 1950, finding

the most active zones and sectioning them off. He analyzed the spatial distribution of F3 to F5 tornadoes with tracks longer than 20 miles, and doing so led to the creation of his redefined zones.

"The colloquial tornado alley fails to represent the areas of highest activity in the United States. I've merely taken the data and plotted it out based on activity in the past decade," Frates said in his interview with MSNBC.

"Results from this analysis indicate that Dixie Alley has the highest frequency of long-track F3 to F5 tornadoes, making it the most active region in the United States," Frates said.

According to Frates, Dixie Alley has the highest frequency of activity, followed by Tornado Alley, Hoosier Alley, and then Carolina Alley.

And while Louisiana only has an average of 37 tornadoes a year according to the NWS, Shreveport-Bossier's northwestern location and proximity to Texas puts the area at a greater risk for deadly tornadoes.

So, is Centenary prepared to take on an F3 or larger tornado?

There hasn't been a tornado outbreak in Shreveport since October 30, 2009, when 5 tornadoes touched down, causing property damage and injuries but no fatalities.

After the recent activity, however, we're not calling Centenary completely danger-free. And with the recent thunderstorms, it's helpful to examine Centenary's preparedness for tornado activity.

Shelter space is sparse and cramped around campus, with basements and laundry rooms providing the safety/shelter zones for students. Basements and underground

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Letter from the Editor: "Transformation."

Ashley Lynch
Editor in Chief

We're moving in to a busy week over here at The Conglomerate offices. Your student concerns, your student voices, have really stirred things up. Don't worry--it's a great thing. A fantastic thing, in fact.

The changes being brought to attention in our community -- whether we're talking about the upcoming tuition increase, the updated curriculum, or new residence hall policies that are currently in the works -- have really pushed us to step up and represent you in a stronger, more powerfully informational way.

We're upping the ante when it comes to providing you the sort of quality information that helps bridge the gap between you and our campus administration, faculty and staff. We're working around the clock to try and fix some

lacking features of our web site, and you can expect to see our social media light up as we attend interviews and student-led forums, and hear testimonials from you: the student voices. Because, really, that's what it boils down to, as far as we're concerned: being a medium that is crafted entirely for the students, by the students, with your (rather, all of OUR) interests in mind.

Why all of this toward the end of the year? Great question. A recent journalism conference that we attended really pushed us to consider how valuable we are to you, our readers -- and how many of you we even have. Hopefully, as we move in to the 2012-13 academic year, you'll see a stronger version of our newspaper: one that you can count on in times of campus crisis, or to celebrate your triumphs and joy -- and, of course, one that truly reflects your questions and concerns.

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Get up to speed on the rising cost of attendance

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Learn the ins-'n-outs of the new curriculum changes

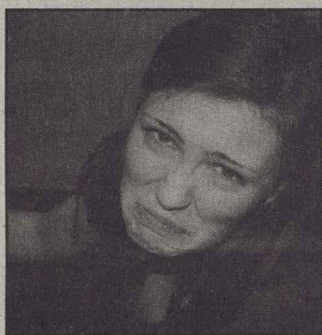
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Hear how some seniors are tackling their final semester

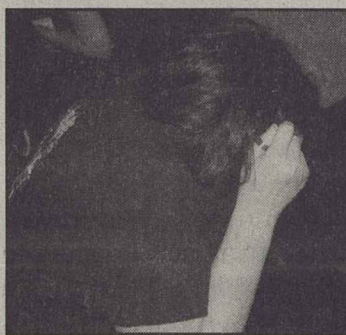
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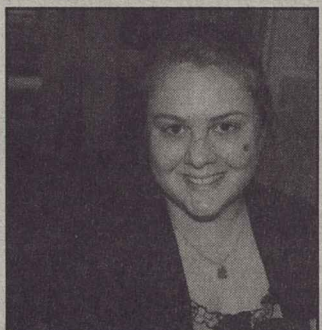
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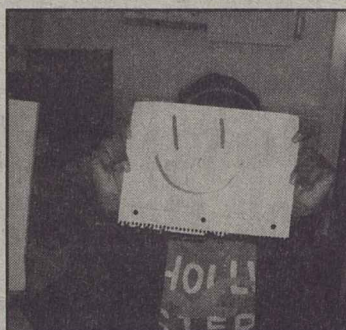
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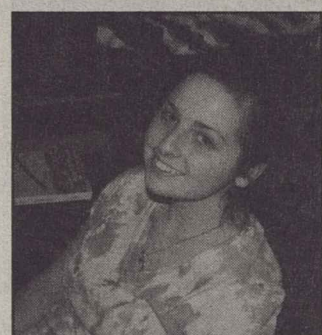
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Public transportation
Stephanie Evans,
Junior



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Alexis James, Freshman



Ride my bike
Nicki Escott, Junior



I don't drive
Cameron Hughes,
Sophomore

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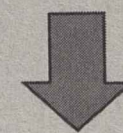
March Madness
Bracket time!



Res Halls all have key cards!
No more lame \$600 keys that you can lose!



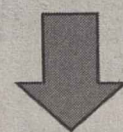
Tuition prices (literally)
Need we say more?



Tuition Prices (figuratively)
Really, though.



Springing forward
Womp womp. We lost an hour of sleep



Bugs are back...
New game: let's count each other's mosquito bites!

Fitness Center Classes

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7:00 am	-	-	Yoga	-
7:15 am	-	Total Body	-	Total Body
11:15 am	-	ABS	-	ABS
Noon	Pilates	Yoga	Pilates	Yoga
4:35 pm	-	-	-	-
5:00 pm	-	-	Boot Camp	-
5:30 pm	-	Cycling	-	Turbo Kick
6:00 pm	Zumba-	Zumba-		

Fall Hours

Mon-Thu: 6am - 10pm
Fri: 6am - 6pm
Sat: Noon - 6pm
Sun: 2pm - 6pm

Pool Hours

Mon-Fri: 11am - 2pm
Mon Night: 8pm - 10pm
Wed Night: 6pm - 10pm
Sat & Sun: 2pm - 6pm

NEWS

International Travel Grants do more than provide money



By: Office of Global Engagement Staff

International Travel Grants do more than provide money; they also provide access to cultural experiences that may otherwise not be attainable to members of our student body. Travel Grants are available because of support from members of the Centenary community and dedicated alumni that have seen great value in intercultural engagement and the

wonderful opportunity for learning that students have when they Study Abroad.

There are several endowments that have generated the funds that are available to students through the Travel Grant Program.

-The Davis Fund for International Travel and the B. Richardson Fund for Foreign Travel were both given by the Richardson family.

-The Pape-Tooke Travel Grant Fund was given to the

college by its first Director of Service-Learning, Ms. Dian Tooke.

-The Centenary Muses International Travel Grant is supported annually by the Centenary Muses.

-The Harrison CC British Studies at Oxford Fund is set up specifically to support students that plan to participate in the British Studies at Oxford Summer Program in Great Britain. This year, one student has been accepted to

this program and was awarded a grant to support their participation.

The Travel Grant application process is very competitive and there is a set guidelines which applicants much pay attention to when applying to receive funding from one of the Travel Grants (see www.centenary.edu/globalengagement/travelgrants for a list of these guidelines).

The Office of Global Engagement with the assistance of the Trek Committee review the applications in a blind application process which means that the names of those applying are blacked out to avoid preferential treatment. Each application is given a number and awarded a score based on the Travel Grant Program Guidelines. Once all applications are reviewed they are matched backup to the applicant's names associated with the application numbers.

During the spring 2012 semester, 51 students applied for an International Travel Grant. The outcome was 14 students were awarded funds to assist them with transportation to international May modules, summer study abroad opportunities, and international independent modules. The top 13 scores were awarded funds in the amounts of either \$1,000 or \$500 with 1 student awarded a \$500 travel grant from the 1st Module Orientation

Travel Grant drawing. This year financial support for students totaled \$9,000.

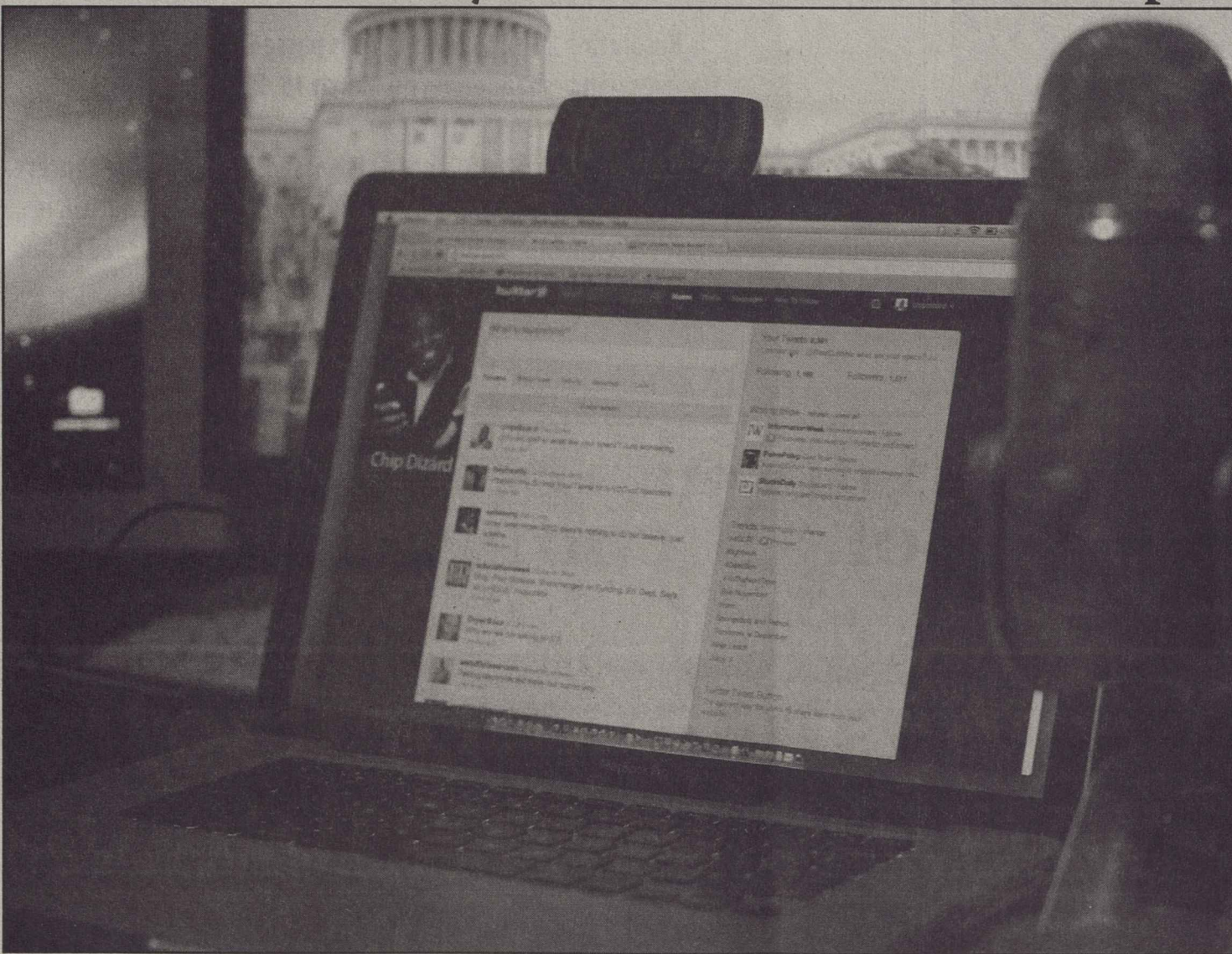
The breakdown for funding this year was as follows:

- 4 students received \$1,000 grants (\$4,000)
- 10 students received \$500 grants (\$5,000)

This year's total of financial support was lower than previous years due to the smaller amount of funds available in each endowment. During the 2010-2011 academic year the application process for travel grants was opened both in the fall and spring semesters. This resulted in the awarding of funding to 47 students for a total of \$25,250 in financial support. For the 2009-2010 academic year, 21 students received a total of \$12,500 but the process was opened only once.

For more information about the Travel Grant Program, the May Module Program, or Study Abroad opportunities please contact the Office of Global Engagement located in the 2910 Building at globalengagement@centenary.edu or visit our website at www.centenary.edu/globalengagement. You can also find us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Office-of-Global-Engagement-at-Centenary>.

Career Corner: Ready for a webcam interview? 6 Tips to Help Prepare



Chaeli Faught
Staff Writer

The videophone/webcam age has arrived, so if you are looking for a job or internship, don't be surprised if an employer chooses to skip the telephone interview in favor of interviewing you via webcam.

Webcam interviews are different from in-person interviews and telephone in-

terviews, and if you're not prepared, you might just miss that opportunity to make a good "virtual" impression.

The first step in helping you prepare for a webcam interview is to know your technology. Whether you are using Skype, ooVoo, Gchat, or one of the other webcam chat applications available for your computer or smartphone, make sure you know how to use the application

and its features. Do not wait until the last minute to learn and familiarize yourself with the application.

The second step is to control your environment. Eliminate all distractions. Roommates, pets, boyfriends and girlfriends, parents – ask them to leave you alone. Twitter and Facebook accounts, your Pandora account and your iPod – turn them off!

The third tip is to allow yourself to focus on the interview. Make sure you are budgeting enough time for the interview. Be ready to go ten to fifteen minutes beforehand, and budget extra time in case the interview goes long.

As with an in-person interview, you can't get up and move around during your webcam interview. They can see you and everything you

do.

Make sure that before the interview, you manage your image and dress the part. The image you project on your webcam is a combination of you and your surroundings, and you control all of this. Clean up the room, make sure the light from a nearby window isn't washing out your picture. Adjust the webcam so that it is capturing the image of you that you want to convey.

Double checking your connection is another important aspect to a webcam interview. Wireless communication is great, until it doesn't work or until the wireless signal strength is weak. Signal strength is particularly important when you are transmitting video, so make sure you have a fast and reliable connection (wired or wireless). If you don't, your video quality will be grainy and your audio will not be clear or consistent.

You also must always have a "Plan B." You can check and double check. You can do everything right and be as prepared as possible, and sometimes technology just fails to do what it's supposed to do. You need to have a Plan B ready just in case Plan A doesn't work. At the first sign of trouble, alert your interviewer and see if you can get the technology issues resolved. If you can't, suggest the telephone as an alternative.

NEWS

Israel and Iran: Nuclear War or Diplomatic Democracy?



Andrea Violet
News Editor

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu recently visited Washington D.C. after a stop in Canada to speak at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) conference and to

meet with President Barack Obama.

Netanyahu wanted this visit to be about the Iran situation and not about the Palestinian debacle that happened on his previous visit to the White House. The AIPAC conference was solidly behind Netanyahu, with

all GOP candidates except Ron Paul attending and giving speeches that backed Israel, and their determination to keep Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon. Obama's speech also contained statements against a nuclear Iran, but stressed the need for giving sanctions and diplomacy

time to work.

The Republican Party has chosen Iran as its primary foreign relations problem. Twelve Senators had written to Obama warning against any stance that allowed "less than full, verifiable, and sustained suspension of all enrichment activities, including

both 3% and 20% enrichment". They want Obama to take a strong stance and accept nothing less than capitulation from Iran.

Obama on the other hand, feels that Iran may have the capability, but has not made the actual decision to weaponize their nuclear materials. Iran has just recently called for new talks concerning the nuclear situation and the administration still feels that there is progress to be made with the negotiations. More stringent sanctions have recently been applied to Iran. The administration thinks that the sanctions are crippling Iran's economy and will add to the pressure for the Iranian government to back off their uranium enrichment.

Netanyahu and the majority of the Republican Party feel that no matter what is done to the country of Iran they will not stop pursuing the goal of having a nuclear bomb. Netanyahu stressed this idea in his speech and asked Obama to join him in drawing a "red line" past which neither country will allow Iran to cross toward a nuclear bomb.

Tornado from Page 1



Erika Lunsford
Staff Writer

structures are the safest place during a tornado.

As for the alert system, few students are signed up to receive text messages from DPS whenever the NWS issues a warning for our area.

Local cable channels are good at interrupting programs in order to alert the public, however, so as long as the students are watching television, they should be in the know.

Also, the nearest tornado alert siren is on Jones Rice Field, but how much time does that give residents?

Sirens sound in the immediate area as soon as a tornado has been sighted, but in situations such as these mere minutes can mean the difference between life and death.

And what happens if you are in the shower when the campus is alerted?

The RAs and other students here at Centenary have plans in place to start

a notification system once a warning has been issued. They go room to room, if time allows, and announce the need to move to shelter.

The worst scenario is getting caught out in the storm, and in this case, you should try to get to a building for shelter. If this is impossible, seek a ditch or low-lying area, lie face down, and cover your head with your arms.

Overall, the campus is pretty well prepared for severe weather and tornadoes. However, there are a few extra measures that could be taken to ensure safer conditions on campus for students.

Hopefully, Centenary won't have to deal with a tornado outbreak anytime soon, but with the recent outbreaks and unusually high tornado activity in the past few months the odds are stacked against us.

Here's to hoping we finish out the year safe and tornado-free.

SGA UPDATE

What is Student Government Association? SGA is a body of student representatives that seeks to serve by supporting student endeavors functioning as the student's liaison to the faculty and staff and initiating change in our campus and community in order to enhance the Centenary experience.

SGA Blurb: Meeting on March 13, 2012

**Resolution 1112_32: Happies is passed.
Happies will be happening on March 15, 2012.**

Resolution 1112_33: Preview Weekend Concert: is passed. This is for the concert for First Choice Spring Board. Augustana is coming in for our band and SGA is funding this event, along with CAB. Augustana will be coming April 13, 2012 and will be performing in the Gold Dome.

Global Emails: Bane of all communication?

Andrea Violet
News Editor
Op/Ed

Global e-mail correspondence can be a pain, however, it is one of the best methods to disperse information to the student

body. One of the biggest student issues with the use of global email is the fact that student organizations are limited to two global emails per organization, per semester. Most students dislike the number of global e-mails we receive, but understand that is the most effective form of communication.

This issue already does not sit well with the students. Students see the comparison of faculty/staff versus student usage of the global email system unbalanced. This delicate situation was not made any easier when a certain office on campus decided to notify the campus (via global e-mail) of a lost scarf last Thursday afternoon.

This gives credence to a new area to be viewed for procedure development. Currently, there are no

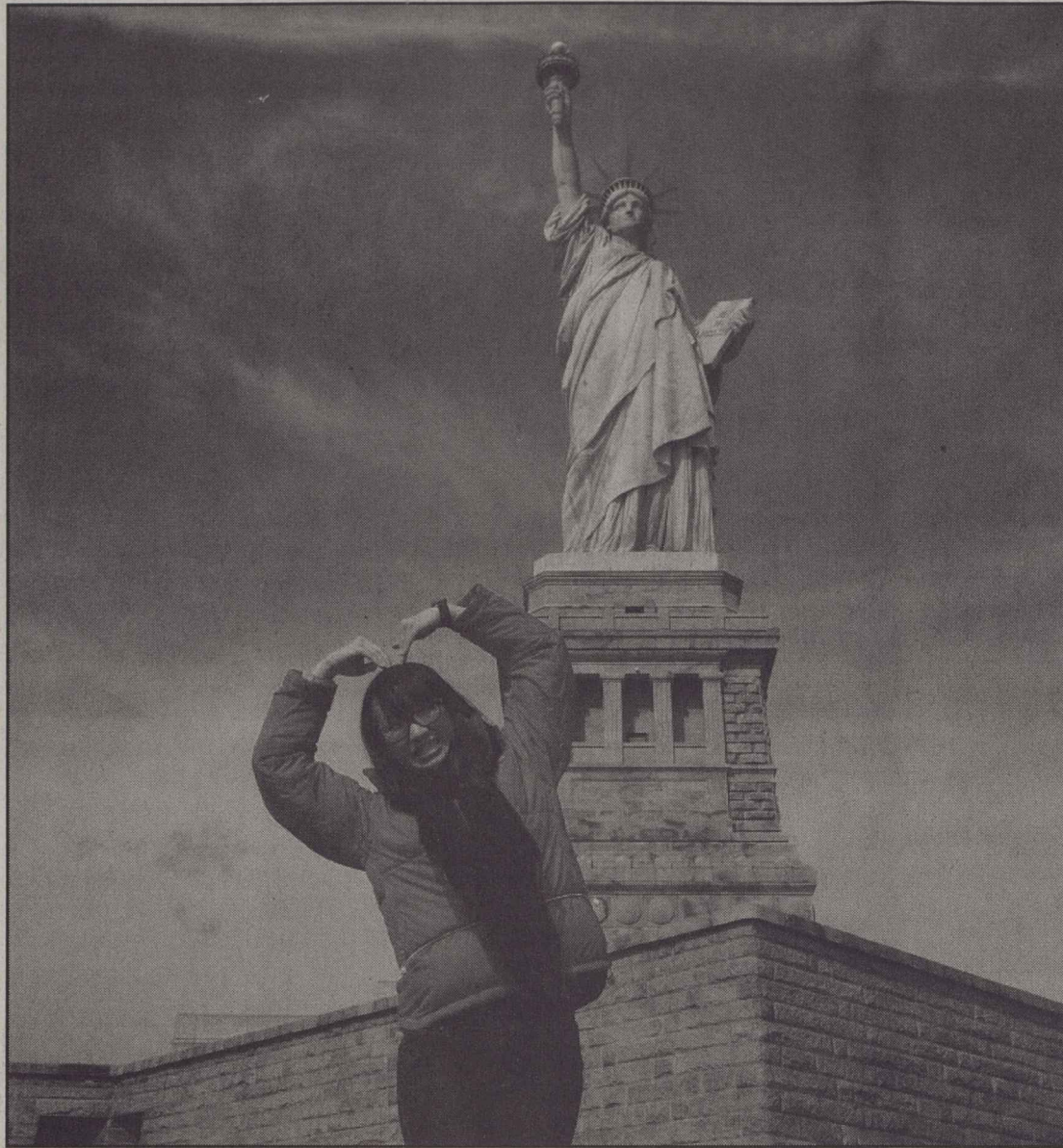
formal guidelines for the global e-mail system. In order to streamline the amount of global e-mail activity and have efficient e-mailing system for all, I believe the school would benefit from a guide being published that outlines: who, how many, when, and subject area for e-mail content.

While some may see this as overkill, I see it as a way to make the e-mail system more efficient and effective. If we all have to communicate by way of e-mail, it would be best that we do say in the most efficient way possible, rather than spending such resources on things that are not quite as pertinent as others.



NEWS

International Spotlight: *Esther Lo*



Kayla Clemons
Staff Writer

-Where are you from? Hong Kong, China.
-How old are you? 20 years old.
-What are you studying? Social sciences. I am studying about the politics and economics of China and the Asian-Pacific region.
-Why did you decide to come to the United States? I chose the United States because I want to know more about this country and its culture.
-What are your hobbies? My hobbies are watching movies and TV, swimming, and playing piano.
-What are your favorite and least favorite things about Louisiana? I like the environment here. When I arrived here, I could see a big sky, it is not the case in Hong Kong as most of the sky is blocked by the buildings. Though, I don't like the public transportation. I know most of the people have their own cars, but for me, it is in-

convenient in comparison to Hong Kong.
-What is the dumbest thing people have asked you or said to you since you have been in America? The dumbest thing that people have said is "Americans do not walk, they go everywhere by car." Actually, I live on an island in Hong Kong which is called Cheung Chau, and there are no cars on the Island. People walk and ride the bike every day, so I think it's so funny to hear that people seldom walk.
-What are the best and hardest parts about being away from home for so long? The best part is that I can grow up and be more independent. The hardest part is that it was quite hard to adapt to the life here for the first month, as everything in America and Hong Kong are totally different. After the first month, everything has been fine.
-Favorite food you've had in Louisiana? Crab.

Gas Prices: level of pain while filling up only surpassed by dismemberment

Andrea Violet
News Editor

Unless you have been hiding under a rock, you have noticed that gas prices are continually rising, with no end in sight. There is an uproar from Americans for something to be done concerning the gas prices we are all having to face every time we're at the pump.

The single largest factor of the rising cost of gasoline is the cost of the crude oil that it is made from. Some of the other, slightly less substantial factors include refining, distribution, and marketing costs.

Let's not forget the other controversial factor: taxes. Crude oil prices are determined by both supply and demand factors, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA). The EIA says that the next largest contributing factors are the federal, state, and local taxes associated with the production and sale of gas.

With these inputs, the government's only real action they are enabled to take

is to lower the taxes on gas, or to increase domestic oil production.

The cost of gas is a large issue up for debate among politicians, however, right alongside this is the issue of unemployment. The connection being made by some of our own Louisianan political leaders is that, in order to bring gas prices down as drastically as is needed, the country will have to start increasing oil production within the country. With increased supply, prices will drop.

In order for this to happen, the United States can begin taking advantage of some of the resources we currently have at our disposal but are not using. Taking advantage of these resources will have a three-part benefit: decreased reliance on foreign oil, increased jobs, and a boost to the economy in the United States.

The answer seems to be fairly apparent, however, the White House and Congress do not seem to be taking any active steps to move forward through this debacle.

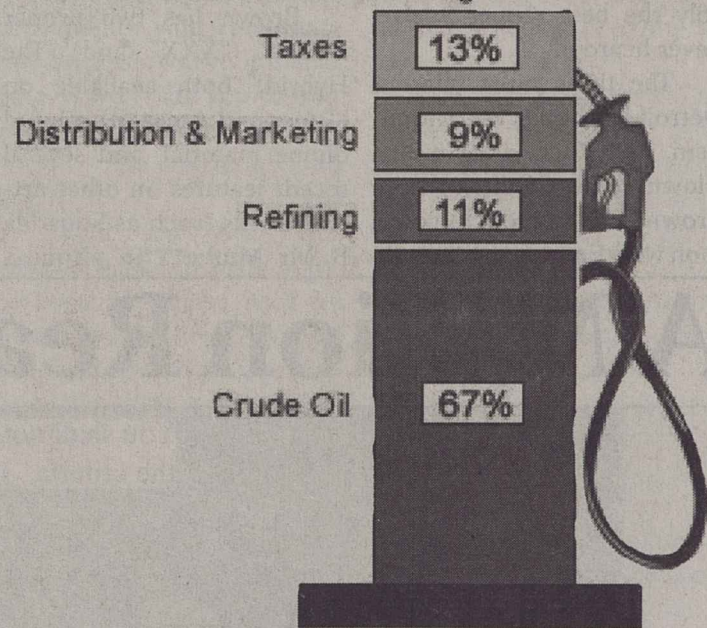
According to Doc Hastings, Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, "Unemployment is only going to get worse as this Administration's policies continue to increase the cost of gasoline, which trickles down to every sector of our economy. We need to use our resources to produce American-made energy, create good jobs, and insulate ourselves from uncontrollable energy price spikes."

Hastings is not the only one who believes this. A statement made by Louisiana Senator Mary Landrieu reinforces Hastings' message.

"This administration still doesn't seem to understand that the best way to combat rising gasoline prices is to encourage new domestic development and production of oil," said Landrieu.

President Barack Obama said, this past week, that oil production out of the Gulf of Mexico was at a record high and that a rush to new drilling was not a suitable long-term option for a country that consumes more than a

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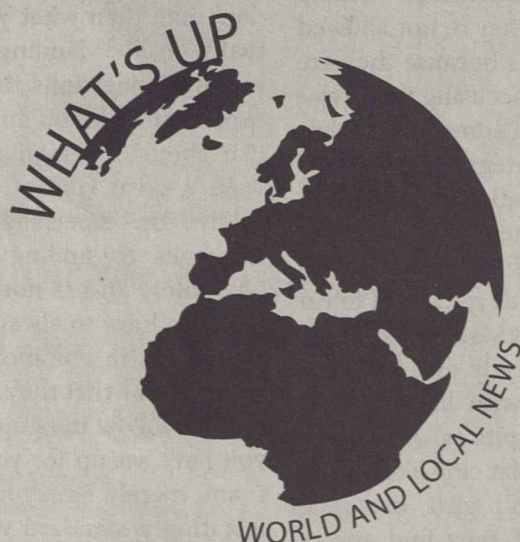


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Crude Oil

quarter of the world's oil supply. Louisiana lawmakers retaliated to this statement by pointing out Obama's failure to remark on the fact that his administration's hesitancy towards permitting will dangerously affect future drilling supplies.

The final questions we, as Americans, have to ask is this: Is there a solution sit-

ting under Washington's nose and they are choosing to ignore it? Or, are these deeper issues, as touted by the Obama administration, too extensive for the American public to understand the lack of advancement toward a solution?



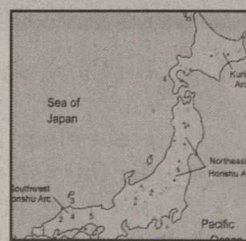
Afghan Killings

The U.S. soldier accused of killing 16 civilians during a weekend rampage has been transferred out of Afghanistan while awaiting charges.



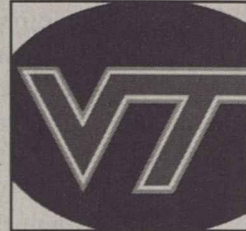
Syria

Syrian forces stormed the town of Douma this week, fired at the home of activist Mahmoud Saab, wounded the father of two and then hanged him from the balcony of his home.



Japan

A 6.8-magnitude earthquake shook northeastern Japan on Wednesday.



VA. Tech

VA Tech
A jury in Christiansburg, Virginia, decided Wednesday in favor of two families of victims in the 2007 Virginia Tech shooting who had accused the school of negligence.

A&E

Danny Brown is your new favorite rapper



Colin Brineman
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Editorial/Opinion

Esham, a founding father of Detroit hip hop, used one word to describe life in the Motor City: "hell."

Detroit, however, is more than just a city in pain. It's a major American city, with an aesthetic all its own. Danny Brown is one of several rappers putting Detroit on the musical map, and he's probably the best rapper you've never heard of.

The three most famous Detroit hip hop acts are Eminem, Kid Rock, and Insane Clown Posse. Of these three, Brown has the most in common with Eminem, with both

sharing their unflinching memoirs of substance abuse and their penchant for pop culture references. Brown's style does not take on the cartoonish color of many other Detroit rappers (like Esham, whose early "acid rap" work sounds something like Odd Future meets Cypress Hill), but rather his lyrics are immensely gritty and realistic. In fact, his work is downright heartbreaking.

Brown has two proper albums ("XXX" and "The Hybrid," both available on iTunes and Amazon), a lot of online material, and several recent features on other artists' tracks (such as Squadda B, Mr. Mutha****in' eXquire,

and Das Racist).

He spins tales of a family invading a home to strip its copper wire and a college student's fatal descent into cocaine addiction. His lyrics have a way of slipping in and out of a singular and a universal narrative, where smaller stories become illustrative of a bigger picture. On the track "Generation Rx," he recounts his abuse of prescription pills and asks, "I wonder do they make a pill to take away your fears" ("Generation Rx").

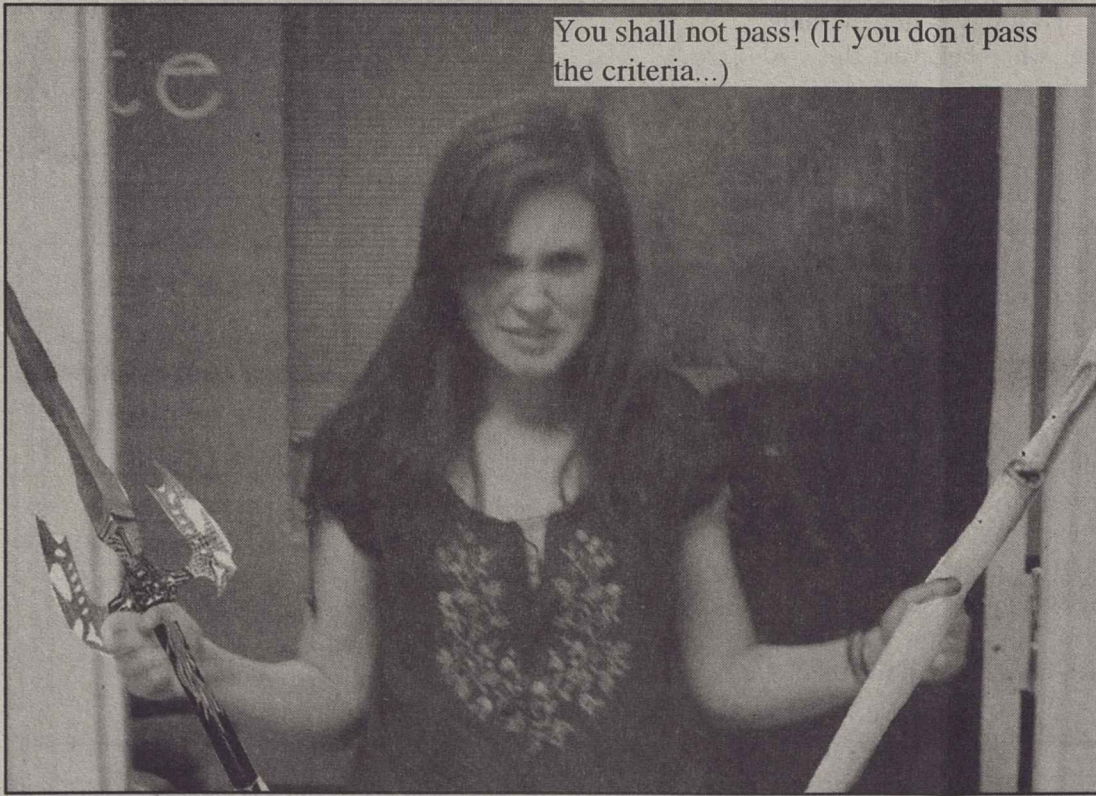
When on "Blunt After Blunt" he raps, "And they try to tell me I get too high / That's a lie, if so...I would've been died," one doesn't doubt that his abuse of drugs and

alcohol has brought him to edge of death. He worries throughout both records of becoming another Heath Ledger or Jimi Hendrix, but one hopes that his visions of death are more along the lines of King David's psalms about escaping the grave than Tupac Shakur's prophetic suicidal paranoia.

Brown is a survivor of addict parents, a crumbling neighborhood, and imprisonment—he quips on "Detroit 187," "I'm so institutionalized / I wake up at 6 a.m., because I think it's chow time"—and one gets the sense that, at more than thirty years old, his new arrival onto the scene as an internet

sensation may have saved his life.

As far as this listener is concerned, Brown's music is without comparison to any other rapper. He's an artist with the social consciousness, versatility of flow, and womanizing spirit to make a serious dent in hip hop. He raps about food stamps, mugging people for their Cartier glasses frames, and karma with deadly resolve. Every rap listener who's ready to set the Lex Luger beats and chain-wearing braggadocio aside for a second will find his two albums and various online mixtapes (especially the "Detroit State of Mind" series) incredibly rewarding.

A Million Reasons: *Dating Criteria*

You shall not pass! (If you don't pass the criteria...)

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Editorial/Opinion

How many times have you gone on dates with someone and didn't realize until, let's say five dates in, the significant other you had chosen to canoodle with had absolutely nothing in common with you? Or, have you ever had the sad realization after two years in a dedicated relationship that you have no idea what said significant other likes or appreciates?

For those who ecstatically "whoop" in agreement to these questions I would like to offer this column as a way to solve your problems and help you find solace in your next relationship venture. For those simply amused, I urge you to continue reading, you may find some helpful tips when it comes to screening your next potential mate. No longer will you have to trudge through the treacherous paths of a breakup that was long overdue.

I would first like to suggest to everyone who hasn't created strict criteria when it comes to finding a significant other that you do so. There's no point in going through duds the rest of your life because you can't figure out what qualities you find important in a potential "boo".

For example, I have brief questions that I ask immediately when coming across a male who really gets my loins burning. "What's your

favorite band?" would be one. If they answer anything along the lines of Nickelback or Creed I immediately take a step back, examine my life, my choices, and I will probably dart behind the nearest trash can and vomit a bit.

I would also ask about a potential lover's religious beliefs. For instance, if their religion conflicts with my right to take birth control and not be considered a slut I would probably have to give those sad sparks of love an overly wet raspberry.

It's also important that a prospective main squeeze's religious beliefs don't take away from anyone else's right to a relationship. Telling someone they're not allowed to like girls because they are a girl and accusing their relationship of somehow depleting the integrity of heterosexual relationships, is like telling someone girls can't eat peanut M&Ms because it interferes with your right to eat pretzel M&Ms.

It's utterly essential that I discuss with likely suitors their viewpoints on singing in public, dancing like a rabid cougar, and girls dropping a deuce. If they find any of these actions objectionable

or deplorable I will know to immediately cease and desist.

The most important of questions would have to be, for me, their stance on Harry Potter. This is not to say that if someone disagree with Harry Potter after reading it and giving it a fair chance that I would reject them. This is a way for me to weed out those who are either A) band wagon followers who have only seen the movie or B) the scumbags who make fun of it without having read the books and formulated their own opinion that wasn't influenced by memes.

It has always been my philosophy that it's much easier to know what you don't like than what you actually do like. Finding a few revealing questions that will expose things you may not like about a person are always a great rule of thumb to live by, especially when it comes to finding possible mates. This is not to say that you have to always have something in common with someone, or that they always have to follow the guidelines you have set up for yourself, I am merely implying that instating a standard will get you much further than the lack of one.

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e-rogenous zone

a weekly sex column



Emilia Wilcox
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Here at the "E-rogenous zone," I'm going to cover every nook, cranny, and kink on campus love, lust, and everything in between! No gritty, nit-picky detail will go untouched, and every aspect of love, dating, romance, and sex will be discussed and scrutinized. Enjoy!

Room/Suitemate Etiquette

You've just returned from the grocery store, each arm loaded down with too many sacks to count. Climbing the stairs proves tiresome as you trudge the last few steps down the hall to your room, panting for breath.

Digging your keys out of your purse, you unlock your dorm room door, set down your bounty, and flick on the lights to find your roommate and her boyfriend locked in what looks to be a wrestling match!

Except they're naked... Your roommate shrieks, grabbing for the nearest item to cover herself as you shield your eyes from the sight.

You can feel the heat of an embarrassing, red blush creep onto your entire face as you quickly turn and sprint out of the room, slamming the door behind you.

Now, how many of you have been on either side of this situation?

It's embarrassing, awful, gross, degrading, and downright scarring (in some cases). But how can you avoid being interrupted during a romantic interlude? How can you avoid walking in on your roommate's "special" time with a boy/girlfriend?

There are simple steps you can take to ensure avoiding situations such as these as much as possible.

1. Communicate!

Talk with your roommate! Find out if both of you are even okay with the other

doing the dirty in the dorm room.

If it's acceptable, talk about ground rules, set up a schedule, and pick a pre-determined item to hang outside the door to let the other know you're "busy."

If it's not acceptable, find somewhere else to go (but keep it legal).

This goes for suitemates as well! Dorm walls are extremely thin, and chances are you've heard a questionable thing or two coming from the other suite. My best piece of advice is to listen to music through headphones or buy a good pair of earplugs just in case the jungle has decided to move in next door!

The most important thing is to keep the lines of communication open in order to ensure the room and suite run smoothly.

2. Leave a sign

If you decide its time again to pull out the whipped cream and get naughty,

hang a pre-determined item of choice on the outside of the door so your roommate knows to scram.

3. Set up a schedule

This helps with the especially hectic roommates. Plan specific times that don't conflict with one another so that each side has time to do what they need.

And remember, don't inconvenience your roommate just because you've got that urge. It won't kill you to wait another 20 minutes.

4. Be courteous (and quiet)

There are those out there that like to make a little noise. However, there are other people living around you, and they don't want to hear the shouts and growls you emit.

Try to keep noise at a minimum. If you can't, muffle yourself by biting on a pillow or something.

Also, move your furni-

ture away from the wall. The rhythmic banging of a bed frame on a wall is just as obnoxious as the other noises—and it signals to everyone else what you're doing...

5. Think of your room/suitemates.

Don't be a horn dog and demand the room be empty three times a day! Your roommate has a life too, and maybe he/she would like time to take a nap or study.

And just be respectful in general. If things start getting a little weird, sit down and have a talk. Chances are, things can be worked through civilly.

By following these 5 simple rules, you can ensure peace and happiness between you, your roommate, and your suitemates. Keep the awkward situations, embarrassing moments, and social snags to a minimum by remembering these tips (pun intended)!

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Gents Swing a Victory

Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

The Gents had a big week facing Division I Louisiana Tech on Tuesday night under the lights at Shehee Stadium. The Bulldogs jumped on top early as Bre'shon Kimbell hit a solo home run on the game's first pitch, followed by a Ryan Gebhardt double, who scored on a Alex Williams groundout after moving to third on the throw home.

The Gents answered right back in the bottom of the first when Matt Creamer reached on a fielding error and moved to third on a Ryan Gasporra double to left center. Creamer scored on a Tyler Clakley groundout to cut the margin to 2-1. Jermari James showed his muscle and hit a two-run double over the right fielder's head to score Gasporra from third and Morton from first, who reached on a walk to give the Gents a 3-2 advantage after the first.

Parrot bounced back in the second with a 1-2-3 frame in his first start of the year. The offense kept its momentum in the second as Creamer produced a double to the left center gap and advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on a Gasporra single to left to extend the lead to 5-2. Jeff Schaffert's double to right center scored Morton and Gasporra to add on two more Gent runs.

Parrott kept the Bulldog's bats at bay for three straight innings until freshman Kimbell singled to score Tech's only run in the fifth. Creamer saved the day fielding a strike in the infield to get Parrot out of the inning with the bases loaded.

Marc Martinez helped Centenary negate Tech's run



with a solo home run to left center on a full count, giving the Gents a 9-3 edge in the bottom of the fifth.

The Centenary defense played excellent behind Parrot and Henry to finish the game. Jemari James produced a 4-for-5, five-RBI effort and eight Centenary batters drove in at least one run as the Gents continued its offensive rampage en route to a 14-8 baseball win at Shehee Stadium over Louisiana Tech Tuesday night. The Gents proved themselves as they handled the Bulldogs with ease.

Saturday afternoon, the Gents hosted the ETBU Tigers and battled out the first game of the double header to extra innings. The game started off as both teams

quickly put on three runs in the first inning. Senior Lance Nugent and ETBU's Fitzsimmons battled out the rest of the regular innings pitching lights out.

Centenary loaded the bases in the bottom of the sixth, but the Tigers were able to get themselves out of a jam quickly with great pitching from Fitzsimmons. In the top of the 7th, Henry came in to relieve Nugent and allowed a walk, but struck out the next batters. The game came to an end with Creamer hitting a walk off double to give the Gents the victory. Nugent had an excellent outing striking out multiple batters and only allowing three total runs. The Gents took the first game 4-3.

Cole Thompson pitched

a complete game in game two to improve to 3-2 on the year, giving up one run while scattering six hits. The Tigers stole an early lead in the nightcap, scoring one in the top of the second, but Centenary responded right back with three runs in the bottom half of the inning.

Jemari James and Marc Martinez led off with back-to-back singles before Dan Lazarou reached on a bunt to third. Craig Littleman knocked an RBI single to score James before Creamer creamed a single to deep right field to score Martinez and Lazarou to give Centenary a 3-1 lead.

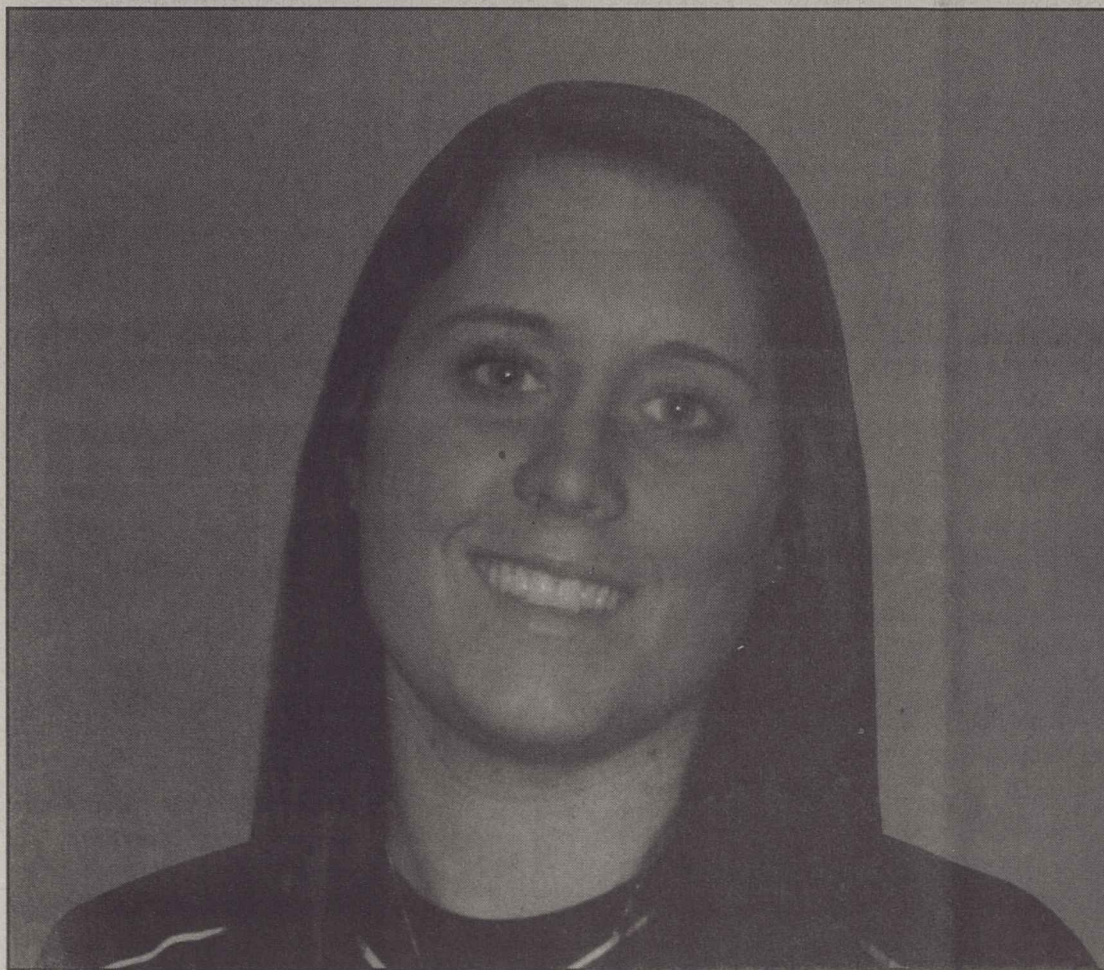
Timmy Chhor put the Gents up 6-1 thanks to a double steal. Chhor entered as a pinch runner for James,

who hit an impressive double to left center. Following the double, Creamer knocked in another run, scoring Martinez to put Centenary up 7-1 in the fifth.

Big man Gasporra put a new dent in the back centerfield wall, smacking an RBI double to score Creamer, who stole second to put himself in scoring position before giving Centenary the 8-1 lead.

The Gents swept the American Southwest Conference ETBU Tigers and move to 13-4 overall and 7-1 in ASC play, winning nine of their last ten. The Gents continue to role as they face Grambling State Tuesday March 13th.

Athlete of the Week: Kayln Harris



Steven Finley
Sport Editor

Sport: Softball
Classification: Senior
Position: First Base
Hometown: Bossier City
Major: Health and Exercise

Science
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Sports Team: Yankees and Saints
Favorite Restaurant: Newk's
Favorite Musical Artist: Lil Wayne
Favorite TV Show: The New Detectives

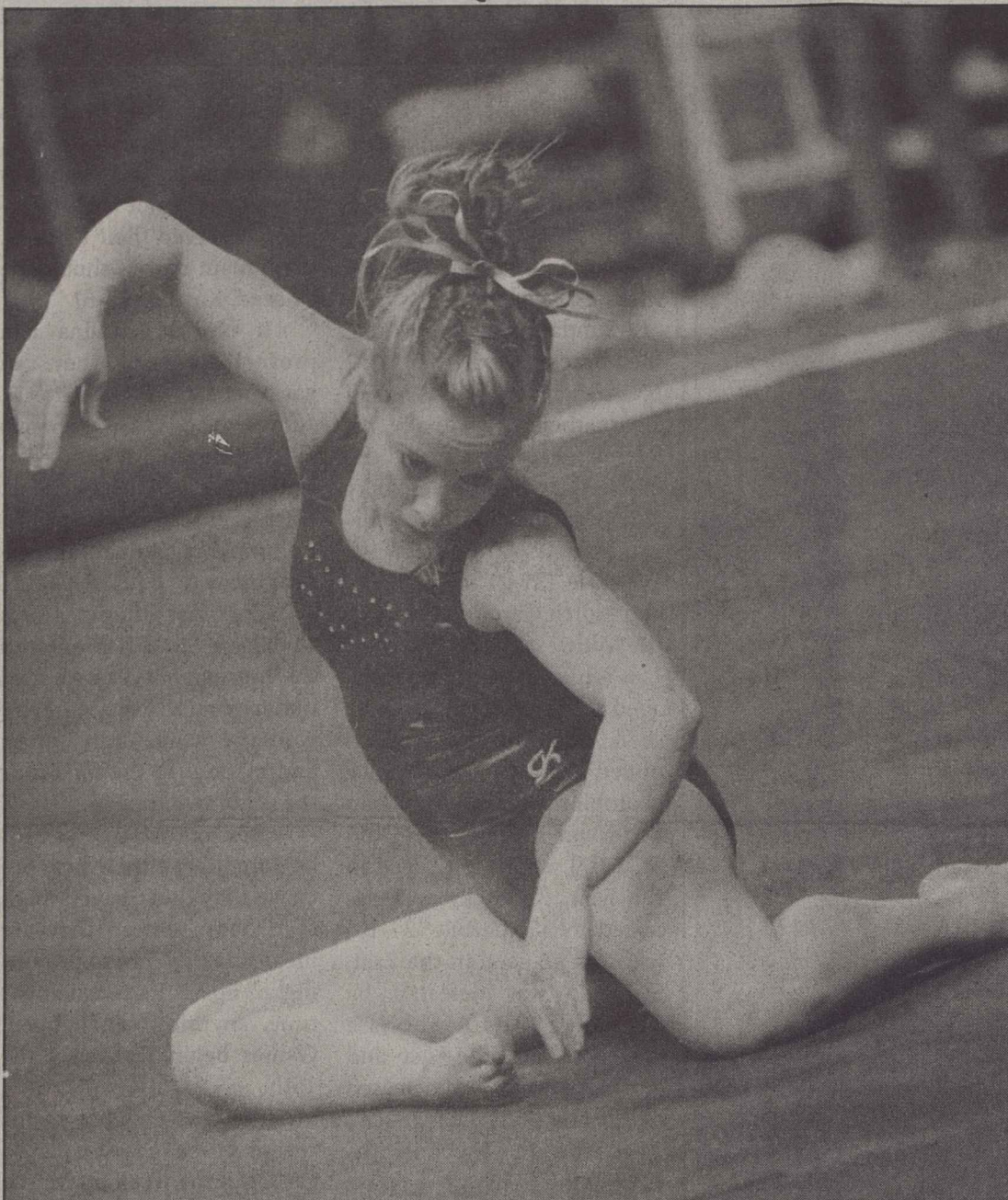
Favorite Movie: Step Brothers
Hobbies: Sports, watching movies, and hanging out with friends and family
What do you plan on doing after graduation: Going to Physical Therapy School
People you look up to: My

parents
When did you start playing or getting involved in your sport and why: I've played since I was 4, starting at tee ball. I've just always loved the game.
What goes through your head as you prepare for every game: To trust my hands and not try to force anything, and to not stress because I know that I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.
What is your most memorable moment in your career: Making it to the State championship game, in 5A.
What is your least favorite thing about your sport and what is your most favorite: Least favorite thing – When we play bad teams, the game can get boring. Most Favorite thing – I like when the games are close, and down to the wire. I love the adrenaline rush.
If you could sum up your life in one song what would it be:
What advice would you give younger athletes in your sport: To give it their all every game, because it all comes to an end sooner than you can imagine, and

they will regret not giving everything.
Name three things you own that describe you: Glove because I'm athletic and love sports, Rosary because I'm catholic, and Car keys because I'm always out doing something.
What is your most over used word or phrase: OMJ (oh my Jesus)
High School academic accomplishments, rewards or honors societies: High School sports accomplishments, rewards, and placements: Named First Team All-District (2005-08), First Team All-State (2006-07), First Team All-City (2005-08) in softball and Second Team All-District (2007) and Team MVP (2008) in soccer ... Hit .402 with seven home runs and 35 RBI as a freshman; .427 with four home runs and 30 RBI as a sophomore; .366 with six home runs and 48 RBI as a junior; and .572 with five home runs and 40 RBI as a senior ... Went 3-for-3 with a grand slam in a 2007 district win against Ruston High School.

SPORTS

Alumni Gymnastics Meet: a Success



Stephanie Wright
Staff Writer

The Ladies had a fantastic performance Saturday night at the Gold dome placing second at the tri meet with a 193.200.

They competed against winning team University of

Illinois Chicago (193.675) and third place Illinois State (192.950). It was a very close meet, and in citations like this every tenth counts.

This team all around score is the highest all around score Centenary Gymnastics has received in at least 8 years. The last

time Centenary had posted even above a 193.00 was at Nationals in 2004. We can only assume that this is a very talented group of young Ladies.

"We finally hit our stride this week," said Centenary head coach Jackie Fain. "This is the team that I see in the

gym every day. They finally have gotten comfortable and confident in the competition arena and that's what happened tonight."

Starting on vault the Ladies had a promising line up. The top two performances came from Juniors Christy Martinez and Amanda Holt both posting a 9.750. This was a tie for Martinez season high, and for Holt this was a new career high. Sophomore Robyn Price was also able to upgrade and twist her vault allowing her to contribute her 9.7 to the team all around.

The Ladies next went to the uneven bars. They successfully posted a new team season event best totaling a 47.525. The top performances coming from Sophomore Robyn Price posting a new career high of a 9.775. Next Senior Stephanie Wright posted a new season high of a 9.800.

Next on the balance beam, this is where the Ladies excelled. For the first time all season long all six competitors in the beam line up stayed on the beam, earning them a new team season event best of a 48.600. The top performances coming from sophomore Ciara Maradiaga posting a 9.800, closely followed by Junior Jessica Liebllich who posted a 9.725.

Hoping on continuing their stride the Ladies headed to the floor exercise. Where they successfully

earned another new team event best of a 48.600. Senior Lauren Carlton and Sophomore Robyn Price tied both earning a 9.725, earning them the second highest scores for the Ladies. Junior Meg Crowley performed an almost perfect routine that earned her a new career high score of a 9.875.

The Ladies had two all around competitors this meet. Junior Jessica Liebllich posted a 37.900. While Sophomore Robyn Price, who is still new competing in the all around, did a phenomenal job this past weekend and earned a 38.75.

When asked, assistant Cassie Warden had a few thoughts. "Since I joined the team last year, I've been waiting for that one competition that shows how truly spectacular the ladies are. Last night captured it perfectly. They had big skills, great form, high scores, and, most importantly, had a lot of fun. For the first time, everyone else saw what I see in my team everyday, and got wrapped up in one good competition."

The Ladies return to action this Saturday March 17, for their Senior Meet against the University of Kentucky. This will be the last home meet for the Ladies, so be at the Gold Dome at 6:00 sharp to see some great gymnastics. GO LADIES!!

Junior Christy Martinez

Softball Season Gets into the Swing of Things



Christian Prince
Staff Writer

Softball Season Gets into the Swing of Things

As March springs into action, so does intramural softball. As one of the biggest seasons at Centenary,

softball is composed of 10 teams. 5 men's league teams and 5 women's league teams. Men's Basketball, Kappa Sigma, Theta Chi, TKE, and Kekambas (men's soccer) make up the men's league, while Chi-O, ZTA, Women's Basketball, Women's Soccer, and Women's Swimming

make up the women's league.

The week started off with sunny skies and warm weather; perfect conditions for a little softball. Monday started off with Women's Soccer versus Women's Swimming. Both teams brought their A-game to the field, with soccer coming away with the win.

The next game featured Kekambas vs. Theta Chi. Kekambas had an easy victory over the fraternity. The final game of the night was a match-up between Chi-O and ZTA. It is the sorority rival that's been seen all year. Chi-O's softball skills prevailed, earning them a win

over ZTA by only one run.

Tuesday night began with Women's Basketball and ZTA. ZTA redeemed themselves from the previous night and sadly run-ruled the basketball team with a 13-3 victory. The next game was Chi-O vs. Women's Swimming. The game stayed neck and neck till the final inning where a string of hits propelled Chi-O into the win. The final game featured Theta Chi and the Sigs. While the game started off rather evenly, the Sigs found their stroke and gained ground defeating Theta Chi by a severe margin.

Wednesday night had Men's Basketball showing their dominating strength against TKE, Women's Soccer's 5-3 win over Women's Basketball who couldn't put up any runs until the final innings, and Sig vs. Men's Basketball, after a long run ended in a tie.

Thursday's games were postponed to the following week due to rain.

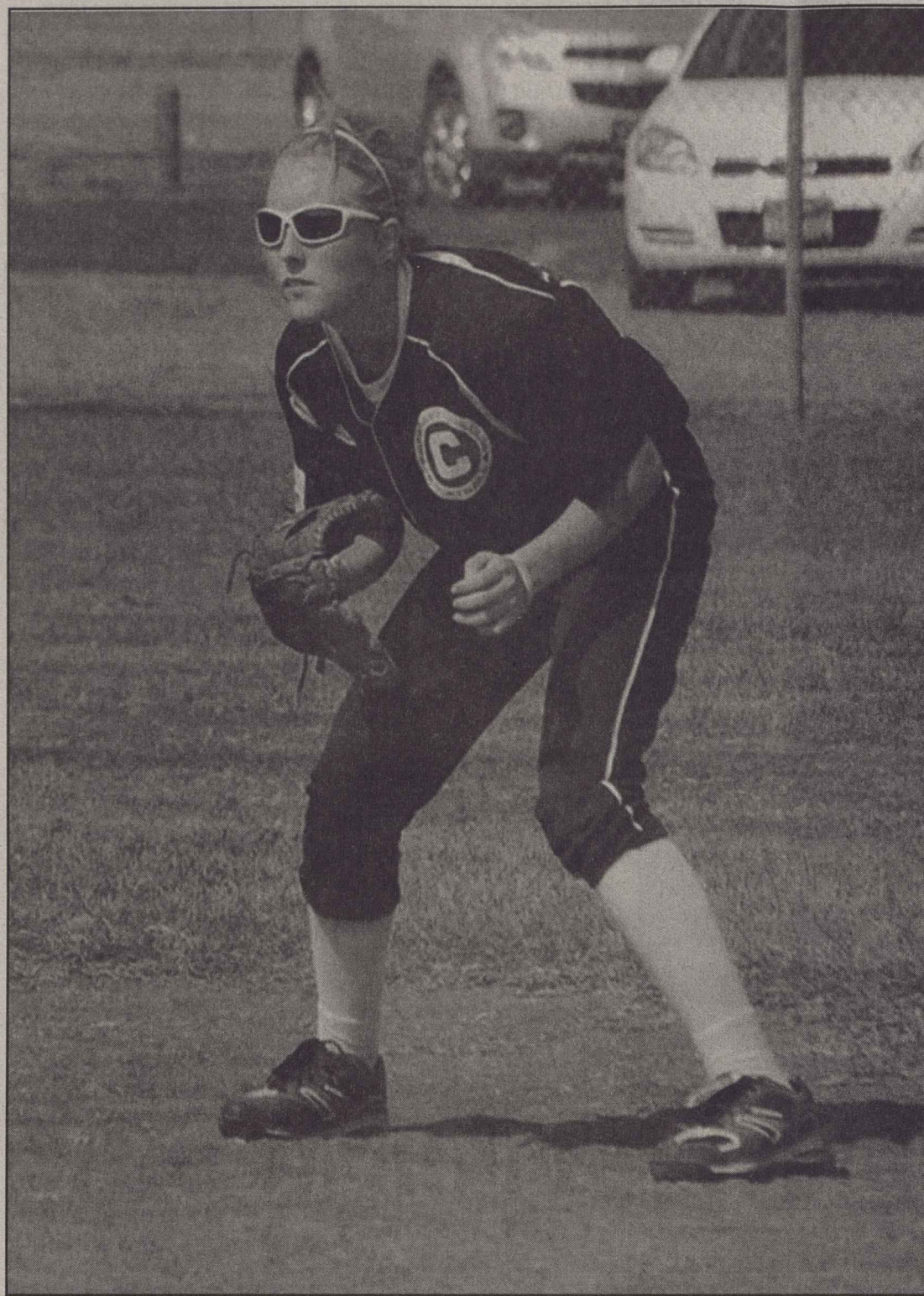
Going into the second week of play team standings are as follows:

Kekambas: 1-0
Men's Basketball: 1-1-0
Sigs: 1-1-0
TKE: 0-1
Theta Chi: 0-2

Women's Soccer: 2-0
Chi-O: 2-0
ZTA: 1-1
Women's Swimming: 0-2
Women's Basketball: 0-2

SPORTS

Ladies still looking for first home game



Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

The Ladies had another tough week with their greatest off-field opponent, the weather.

The Ladies would get rained out on Thursday against Millsaps University, which were makeup games to a previous rain-out about two weeks ago and would have been the Ladies home opener. That didn't happen and the Ladies will have to try again next week. Things didn't brighten up in the area apparently, as the Ladies saw two weekend games at UT-Tyler get rained out that weekend.

The Ladies only action last week came at the earlier part as they took on American Southwest Conference foe East Texas Baptist, who were #19 in the rankings entering the week. The Ladies were unable to pull an upset and capture their first victory as the Tigers swept the series with a 4-1 and 10-2 win.

Game one saw an excellent chance for the Ladies to do that. After trailing 1-0 by giving up a home run to ETBU in the first inning, the Ladies tied things up in the second inning when senior Jenny King drove in

freshman Cadie Hancock on a hit.

That was all the Ladies could muster in that game as ETBU platted 3 runs in the fifth to take the lead for good and held the Ladies at bay the rest of the night. Sophomore Lynsi Unruh allowed four runs on 6 hits in 4 1/3 innings. Junior transfer Lindsey Sconce pitched well tossing a perfect final 1 2/3 innings to end the game.

The scoreboard is a little deceptive in game two as the Ladies played hard and showed heart in this one. After the Tigers took a 4-0 lead: the Ladies countered with two runs of their own with Hancock knocking a double and fielding errors

to bring the score to 4-2. The margin remained close throughout the contest until a four run 6th inning put ETBU up 10-2.

The Ladies competed well and played hard in both games against a great opponent. The Ladies are hoping to finally get to play on their home turf soon. They will try again this Thursday March 15 @2pm at the Centenary Softball Complex. This could be a long home-stand as the Ladies will continue against UT-Dallas in a double header Saturday March 17 @2pm and a double header Wednesday March 21 beginning at 5pm against UT-Tyler.

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March Madness is Here

Christian Prince
Staff Writer

That's right Ladies and Gentleman it's that time of year again. The greatest time of year for basketball, and most sports fanatics. The fever has set in and March Madness is here!

Sunday, March 11, 2012 the bracket for the 2012 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament was finally released. Top teams in the bracket include Kentucky (32-2) in the South, Michigan State (27-7) in the West, Syracuse (31-2) in the East, and North Carolina (29-5) in the Midwest.

While these teams managed to get the bid for a #1 seed, none of these teams pulled out a conference championship. Michigan State was defeated by Ohio St.(27-7) who is a #2 seed in the East, Kentucky was defeated by Vanderbilt (24-10) who is a #5 seed in the East, Syracuse was defeated by Cincinnati (24-10) who is a #6 seed also in the East, and North Carolina was defeated by Florida State University (24-9) who is a #3 seed in other than the East.

Could it be a coincidence that the Big Ten, ACC, SEC, and Big East champions were all put in the East portion of the bracket? Do the four #1 seeds deserve their spots?

Without a doubt the East will be a tough bracket portion to win, but so will the South. Kentucky sits as the top team, but has Duke (27-6) as a #2 seed and Baylor (27-7) as a #3 seed. Add in UCONN, Notre Dame, Xavier, and Wichita State the

final four contestants could be practically anyone.

What seems to be the easiest side of the bracket is undoubtedly the Midwest. While it could be debated as to whether or not North Carolina deserved their #1 seed, their main worry should be #2 seed, Kansas (27-6).

If North Carolina can prove their worth they can easily coast to the Elite 8. Almost the same scenario falls in the West with Missouri (30-4) pulling a #2 seed, Michigan State holds promise to making a final four appearance.

The last three times Michigan State has entered the tournament as a #1 seed under coach Izzo, they've won the whole thing once, and made it to the final four the other two times.

The underdogs cannot be forgotten either. Just because they don't have a high seed doesn't mean they are incapable of winning or pulling an upset. Its tournament time, anything can happen. Games begin, Thursday the 15th.

The last eight teams working for a bid were played earlier in the week on March 13th and 14th. Western Kentucky takes on Mississippi Valley State for a bid in the South, BYU plays Iona for a bid in the West, Lamar plays Vermont for a Midwest bid, and California takes on South Florida to secure a spot in the East.

It's time to fill out your bracket and cheer for your team. Good luck to all! Come April 2nd, a champion shall be crowned!



Career Services Early Spring Events

Date/Time	Event
January 18th 10:00am-3:30pm	In the Career Services Center there will be an info session with the Dalton Group. During this session they will also be holding interviews for internship positions.
February 28th 6:00pm-8:00pm	In a location to be announced, there will be an Alumni-Student mixer for Business Majors. Juniors and Seniors will have the opportunity to meet and network with area alumni in the business world!
March 7th 7:00pm-8:30pm	In the Kilpatrick Auditorium, there will be a fashion show held in conjunction with the "College Lifestyles" website. The show will focus on "interview fashion." Come and learn about what not to wear!
March 12th Middle 114	During the CA 253 Career Strategies class, there will be a panel of 4-5 alumni in various career fields present to speak to students. This Career Symposium will allow students to network, ask questions, and get ideas about what is available for them as Centenary graduates. This is open to all students on campus!
March 14th 5:30pm-8:00pm	To kick off this event, there will be a Mocktail Reception held in the Anderson Alumni at 5:30. Following mocktails, there will be an Etiquette Dinner held in the Whitard room at 6:30. RSVP is required so be watching for more information!
March 19th Middle 114	During the CA253 Career Strategies class, there will be a CAREERlink/LinkedIn information session. This is open to all students to come and learn more about how CAREERlink and LinkedIn can help them find jobs, internships, and connections!

If you have any questions about the events listed above, please don't hesitate to contact Lisa Rauschenbach via email at lrauschenbach@centenary.edu or at 869.5746.

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

March
17



Golf
Men's
Mar. 17
Pacific University Invitational
at Portland, Oregon
TBA



Tennis
Men and Women's
Mar. 17
LeTourneau at Longview, Texas
9:00 a.m.



Gymnastics
Mar. 17
Kentucky Gold Dome
6:00 p.m.



Softball
Mar. 17
UT-Dallas Centenary Softball Complex
2:00 p.m.



Tennis
Mar. 17
Texas Lutheran at Longview, Texas
2:00 p.m.



Softball
Mar. 17
UT-Dallas Centenary Softball Complex
4:00 p.m.

March
18



Lacrosse
Mar. 18
Louisiana-Lafayette Mayo Field
3:00 p.m.

March
21



Softball
Mar. 21
UT-Tyler Centenary Softball Complex
5:00 p.m.



Softball
Mar. 21
UT-Tyler Centenary Softball Complex
7:00 p.m.

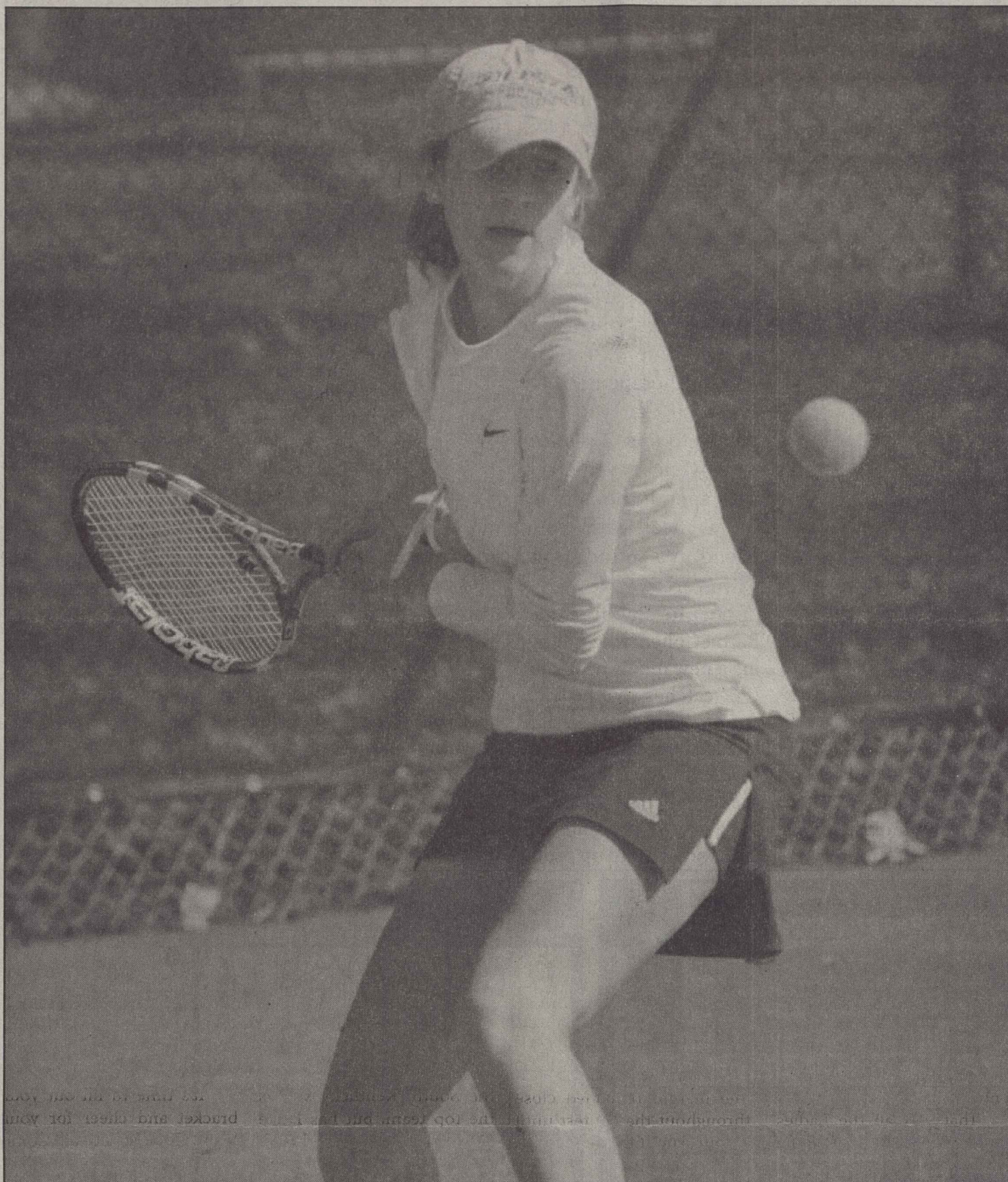
March
22



Tennis
Mar. 22
Linfield College Centenary Tennis Complex
TBA

SPORTS

The Gents Fell and the Ladies Overcame



Garret Whipple
Staff Writer

This past Saturday, March 11, the Centenary College men and women's tennis teams traveled five

hours to the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Arkansas. The men's team fell 6-3 overall to the Eagles. Michael Reeks and Garrett Whipple's 8-2 victory in doubles put the Gents up 1-0 early in the

match. Entering singles play down 2-1 the Gents had to fight to stay in the match. Michael Reeks dominated with his forehand in singles with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over the Ozarks number four

backhand. Centenary's number two player Evan Magill fought his way back into his match after losing the first set and winning the second set 6-2; however, he fell in the hard-fought third set.

Coach Todd Killen said, "We had a close match with the guys. The University of the Ozarks played well. We had the chance to take a couple more courts, but we couldn't pull it out."

He ended saying that "our guys have been working hard and I know it will translate into wins soon."

The women's team clenched a 5-4 victory against the Lady Eagles. The number one player Isadora Bickham along with the freshman Lauren Beurlot grabbed the doubles point with an 8-3 victory. Similarly, Olivia West and Katie Cornwell boosted the Ladies lead with an 8-3 victory in doubles. The ladies grabbed the overall win on the singles courts after ending doubles with a 2-1 lead. Isadora defeated the number one seed with a 6-4, 6-2 victory. Olivia West captured another victory with her 6-2, 6-1 win against the Eagle's number three.

Katie Cornwell secured the Ladies victory with a 6-4, 6-0 victory in the number four spot. Sophomore Holly Clark lost her hard fought match in the fifth spot 6-2, 6-1. Catlin Orschel battled through a knee injury in her singles match but lost her contest 6-3, 6-3.

Coach Todd Killen had this to say about the Ladies: "I'm proud of all of [them]. All six of our ladies fought hard for every point. It's always good to get the first win of the season and I'm looking forward to carrying this momentum into more conference play next week."

The Centenary College men and women's tennis teams will return Thursday, March 15 to host Louisiana College.

Student Resource Center



Subjects	Tutors	Day and Times	
Accounting	Andrea Violet	Sunday	9-11pm
		Tuesday	9-10pm
		Thursday	9-10pm
Biology	Samantha Gray	Monday	2:15-4pm
		Wednesday	5-7pm
		Thursday	5-6:30pm
Location-Mickle Hall Student Room	Matthew Ursua	Sunday	11-12pm
		Tuesday	7-9pm
		Wednesday	7-9pm
Location-Mickle Hall Student Room	Charles Madden	Sunday	3-5pm
		Tuesday	11:30-12:30pm
		Wednesday	7-9pm
Economics	Todd Lafarlette	Monday	7-9pm
Physics	Gerhard T. Funk	Wednesday	7-9pm
		Thursday	7-10pm
Religious Studies	Lauren Rogers	Thursday	2-5pm
Sociology	Elizabeth Rosselli	Sunday	7-9pm
		Wednesday	7-9pm
Writing(English)	Corinne Cormier	Sunday	9-10pm
		Monday	3-5pm
	Mary Guerrant	Wednesday	8-11pm
		Thursday	10-11pm
	Wilborn Nobles	Tuesday	7-9pm

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EXTRAS

Horoscopes

Daniel Proveaux

Aries- Prefer pirates with a patch on their left eye rather than their right this month and well into April, especially in piracy danger spots such as in the oceans near the Philippines or the Congo, and Wall Street.

Taurus- Walking slightly stooped when clicking your fingers like those bad kids in West Side Story did, is well starred this month, as are any number of musicals based dance moves if you can sing the words as you dance and sing in tune and don't get out of breath.

Gemini- Your nervous reaction to difficult or sensitive situations by using comedy will be averagely starred once again this month. People will once again remember you as that pretty funny kid. Don't try to hard though. Let

it come naturally.

Cancer- Your destiny is still deciding who to vote for in some election later in the year. But don't put matters that may be world changing in the hands of the fates alone. You may think it easier to walk into the voting booth and blindly choose a candidate, but don't expect sympathy from others when the next President angers you. Do your part.

Leo- News that you, maybe, can get by with just 3 minutes exercise a week is set to interest you, although you might prefer to keep to your recently discovered energetic showering technique that has theoretically increased your exercise time up to 15 minutes.

Virgo- Saying sorry with flowers is doomed to fail this month if you go for the whack-over-

your-head bunch of flowers. Try a potted plant in a light plastic pot - it's more difficult to hit you over the head with a living plant.

Libra- You are about to find someone with whom you can exchange light hearted, but vigorous, swearing/cussing sessions. You will find it extraordinarily therapeutic, so much so that you may decide to miss a session with your psychiatrist and spend the money on a meal with your friend in a sound proof eating area.

Scorpio- Beware Sasha Baron Cohen, who is filming a new movie near you. If he catches you the trick is to never ever ever sign a disclaimer to allow him to use footage of you in the movie - if he then uses the footage you can sue him and will end up prob-

ably owning his house by the end of the year even though you won't be able to afford to run it and you will inexorably fall into a drug and alcohol dependency problem and end up living on the streets within the next ten years.

Sagittarius- Snuggly fitting multicolored underwear, particularly stripy (horizontal not vertical) or randomly spotted, is set to provide well needed support in what is set to be a period of undetermined moderate comedic peril starting this month. On a more positive note - the wedgie advisory is reduced to orange with three red spots, down from the more serious all red of last month.

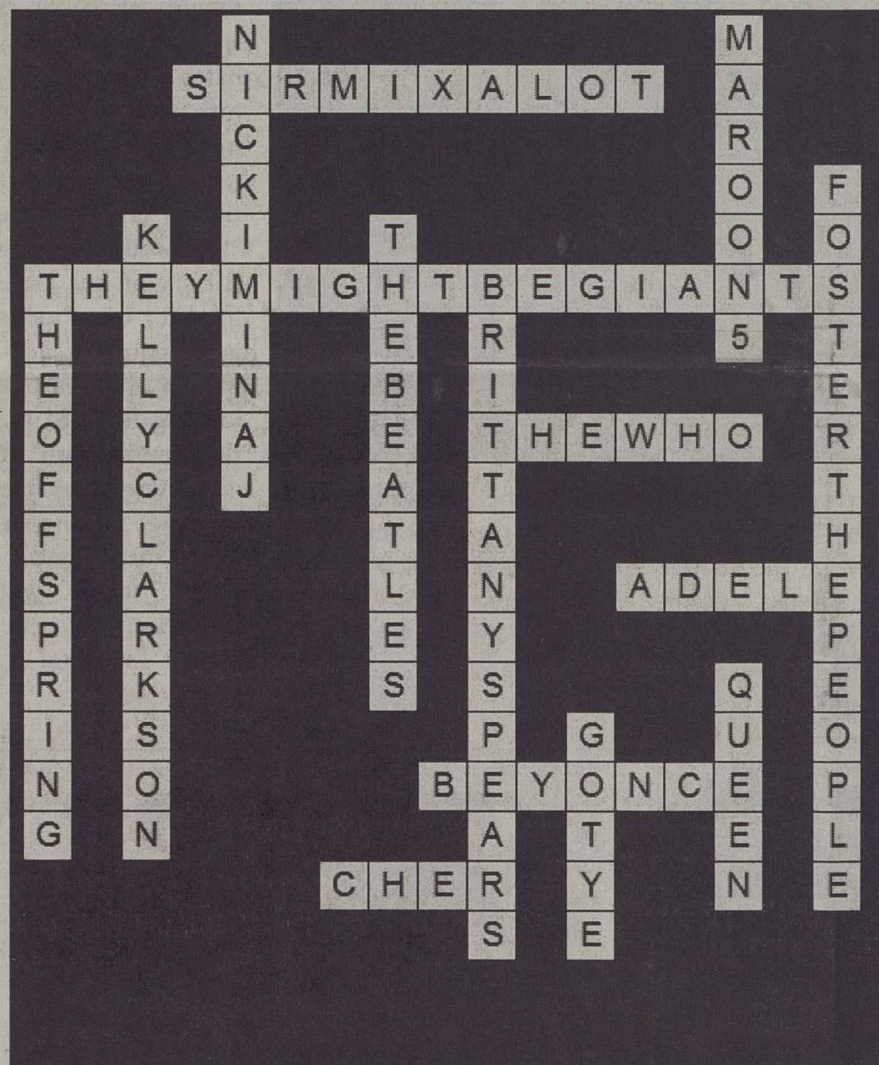
Capricorn- It will perplex you in some kind of downtime this month that the world of food makes little sense. Example: there's no ham in hamburgers, and no

dogs in hot dogs. You are about to have mixed feelings when news comes in that 50% of hot dogs in America may actually contain dog.

Aquarius- You have always wanted to try one of those free mobility machines that only the old and very overweight are allowed to use to pootle about supermarkets, shopping malls, and some such, and this month, after weeks of perfecting your false limp, is your opportunity.

Pisces- You have always wanted to try one of those free mobility machines that only the old and very overweight are allowed to use to pootle about supermarkets, shopping malls, and some such, and this month, after weeks of perfecting your false limp, is your opportunity.

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The Rising Cost of Tuition

In light of recent tuition increase announcements, The Conglomerate interviewed Centenary President, Dr. B. David Rowe, as well as six students who chose to share their comments and concerns on what has become a student-centered issue.

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Photo courtesy of Centenary News Service.

Curriculum Changes: How are Students Affected Now?

Andrea Violet
News Editor

Recently, the course schedule for Fall 2012 changed significantly. This provided a large group of students with issues that must now be resolved, and this article will address some of the major changes that have been made. Other questions can be directed toward your advisor, as they will be one of the key players in the communication of new policies and procedures are set forth by the Provost's office.

The largest change concerning the courses themselves has been the move of certain departments from three credit hour courses to four credit hour courses.

This is a "movement that has been considered for years," according to Dr. Kelly Weeks of the Frost School of Business. Weeks was one of a number of faculty members on the Academic Policy Committee, which was tasked with the responsibility of developing the new curriculum. Throughout the development process, there were two main goals. The first was to allow students to take fewer courses during the course of a single semester, thus allowing them to focus more on each course. The second goal of the new curriculum was to enrich the courses. If the professors had more time to work with during the week, it would enable them to deepen the courses so that the student would get not only classroom knowledge, but also real world applications in conjunction.

This credit hour change was not an institution-mandated change. Currently, the faculty voted and decided that the departments who were able and wanted to could switch to the new credit hour system. This has caused many inter-departmental changes to majors and minors. The issues that arise regarding a student's major or minor course re-

quirement should be handled within the department. The issues arising with core requirements should be brought to Dr. Williams and the Provost's Office. Future changes regarding credit hour increases will be decided upon once administration and faculty see how this current plan plays out.

According to Weeks, the ideal course load under the new curriculum would be four four-credit hour courses. This would allow the student to build up an appropriate number of credit hours while allowing the student to delve further into the course material than they can presently. A consequence of the conversion from three-credit to four-credit hour courses will mean that there will be less variety in the types of courses you can take. However, the courses that you do take will go much more in-depth in terms of classroom information and real world application. One of the downsides to this change, as seen by students is the absence of the ability to get a variety of experience in a broader array of subject mat-

ter areas.

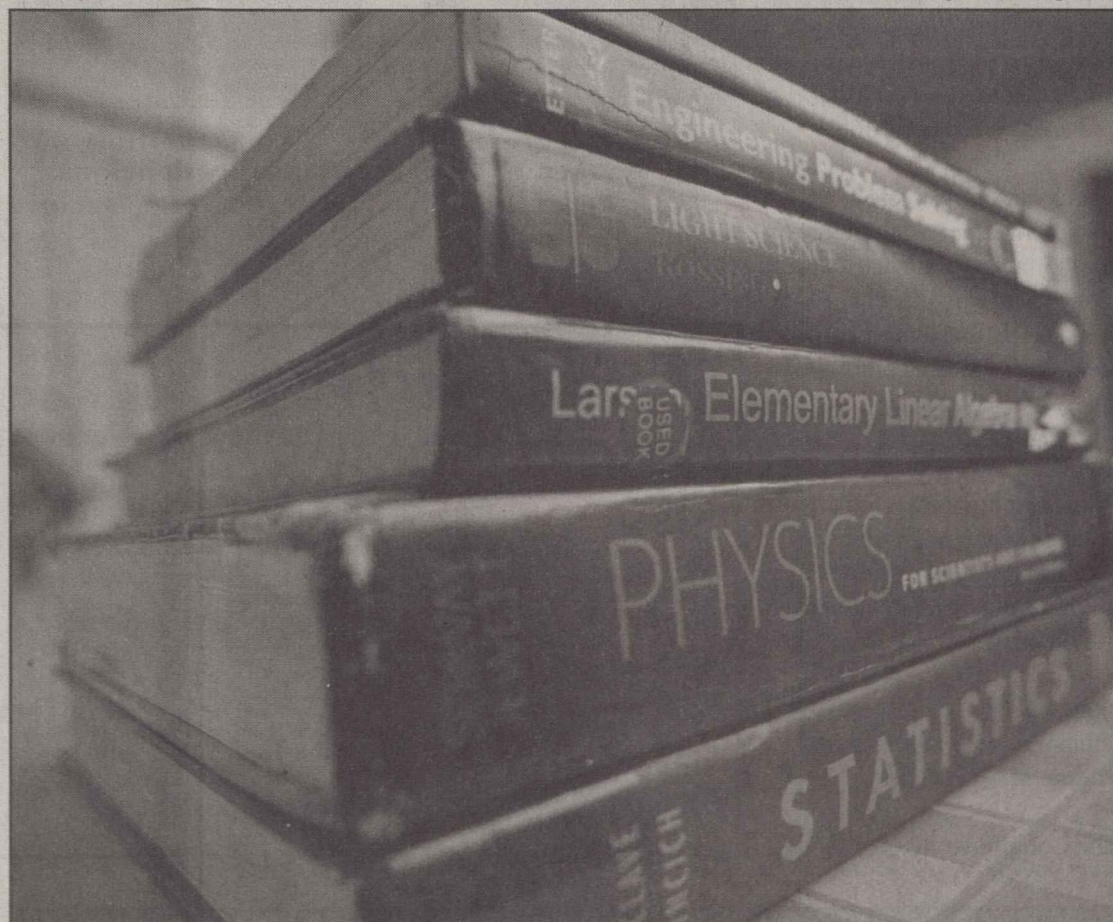
In the meantime, students are dealing with a current cap of eighteen hours. This can be dealt with by submitting a petition to register for credit hours in excess of eighteen hours. The Provost's Office and the Registrar are doing the most that they can to work with students in order to get through these current scheduling issues. With these decisions being made on a case-by-case basis, the overall goal is to ensure that no student's goals and plans to graduate in the next year or two will be interrupted.

Along with the issue of this credit hour cap, is the issue of scholarships and financial aid that covers up to an 18-credit hour limit. The decision has been made, that for the 2012-2013 school year, students who are approved to take 19-credit hours will not be charged for that one extra hour. This will accommodate those students who had filed their degree plans, then were surprised to find out that one course they had planned on taking had changed to four-credit hours, rather than three. The

continuation of this decision for future academic years will not be determined until a later date.

Another major issue posed by this new transition is that of conflicting classes within the schedule. This was not foreseen as a large issue, and is not necessarily due to the actual scheduling of classes so much as the fact that separate departments determine their class schedules separately. This mainly becomes an issue for students who are servicing multiple majors and minors. The Registrar is currently keeping a count of the number of courses being offered among the departments at each time slot. The number of classes within a single time slot have not shown a significant increase from last academic year. Provost Michael Hemphill says that it is his goal as Provost is to "over the next few semesters, improve the distribution of levels of courses (ie, 100's and 300's) throughout the schedule so that they are not clustered together." This goal will help to ensure the availability of a wide variety of courses so

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Letter from the Editor: “Because it matters.”

Ashley Lynch
Editor in Chief

I've been getting a lot of critics, lately. As a graduating senior who seems deeply concerned with this change in tuition, I've been hearing a lot of “Why do you care, Ashley? You're graduating”-esque questions.

Why do I care? For the same reasons that you should care: because it matters.

Because, believe it or not, my concern stems from how deeply I care about my school. It stems from my love of this campus, its faculty, and the students who have been able to attend this place alongside me for the past almost-four years. It stems from the deep connections that I've made here and how much I would like others to have the opportunity to live and grow here as I have.

Delving in to the details of our college's financial decisions doesn't mean that you're picking a fight with

good ol' Centenary. For me, it has more to do with helping my college as it navigates new waters, doing things in a way that hasn't been typical in recent years.

And I'm doing all of this with my voice.

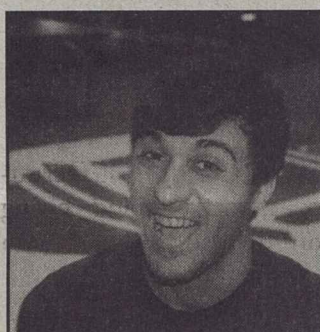
Because, believe it or not, your voice matters. Your voice helps the college make decisions. Your voice helps the college determine what does and doesn't work.

We took the opportunity to include a few voices on pages 4-5; an interview with the college president, in which we asked him questions contributed by your student voices, and also a spotlight on six students of different classifications and backgrounds who we feel have let their voices rise to the top of this discussion.

We hope that their voices will, in turn, inspire you to discover your own on the matter, if you haven't already.

Question of the Week

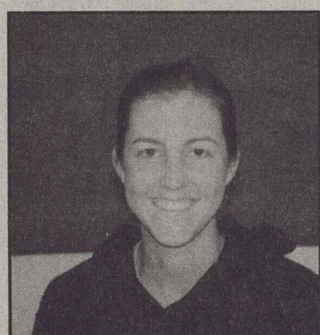
How did you celebrate St. Patrick's Day?



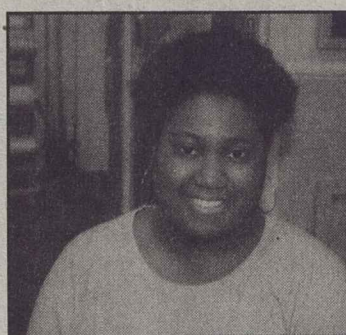
I didn't
Nathan Gauthier,
Freshman



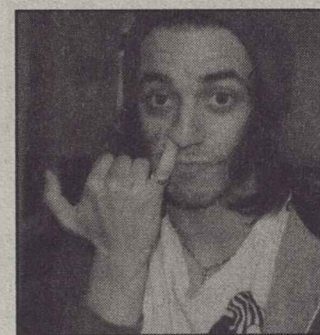
Party on the Caf Deck!
Isadora Bickham, Junior



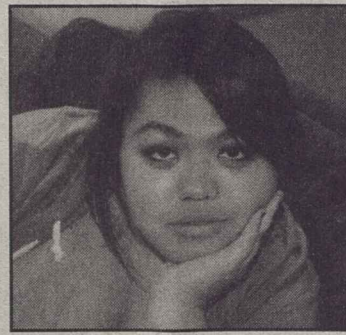
Potato bowling with Izzy!
Lauren Beurlet,
Freshman



Partied with a leprechaun.
Craneisha Nettles, Junior



Picked a green booger.
Jordan Pope, Junior



Ate something magically delicious.
Jessica Bato, Sophomore

UPs & DOWNS



Midterms over
Slightly less stress!



Augustana coming
Yay for concert!



Beautiful campus
The glorious blooming of flowers and tress delights our souls.



Curriculum Changes
Hindering more than helping, right now.



Tree Sex
Pollen on cars, sneezing, and yuck.



Cline Kitchen
For making us think fires keep happening.

Fitness Center Classes

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7:00 am	-	-	Yoga	-
7:15 am	-	Total Body	-	Total Body
11:15 am	-	ABS	-	ABS
Noon	Pilates	Yoga	Pilates	Yoga
4:35 pm	-	-	-	-
5:00 pm	-	-	Boot Camp	-
5:30 pm	-	Cycling	-	Turbo Kick
6:00 pm	Zumba-	Zumba-		

Fall Hours

Mon-Thu: 6am - 10pm
Fri: 6am - 6pm
Sat: Noon - 6pm
Sun: 2pm - 6pm

Pool Hours

Mon-Fri: 11am - 2pm
Mon Night: 8pm - 10pm
Wed Night: 6pm - 10pm
Sat & Sun: 2pm - 6pm

NEWS

The Centenary Committee: More than Just Dream Week



By: Dr. Kelly Weeks, Associate Professor of Business, Founder and Previous Chair of the Diversity Committee

"As a student of color at Centenary College, I would not recommend this college to my friends at home. I only come to get an education, but I am not accepted socially or otherwise."

"Centenary College is a breeding ground for racists that sprinkles in a few minorities for them to practice on."

"The perception of administrator indifference and lack of leadership on diversity issues—race, gender, and sexual orientation particularly—potentially produces a less-than-loyal campus community and negatively impacts what people of color, LGBT people, and women

give back to the school both in energy and money."

These are among the shocking quotes that emerged from a Diversity Climate Assessment conducted at Centenary College in the fall of 2006 by an outside consultant, Dr. Frances Kendall. The results of this assessment, coupled with my own frustration regarding the lack of an inclusive climate at Centenary, inspired the beginning of a conversation with a group of concerned faculty, staff, and students who met informally to discuss diversity issues during the 2007-2008 academic year.

Those conversations developed into a passion to make a change, and the change officially began with the onset of an administrative committee on diversity issues. The Centenary College Diversity Committee was initiated in 2008 and reported to the President. Although we had full-time commitments elsewhere and no funding, we were determined to change the culture at Centenary.

We began our work by petitioning for Centenary to recognize the Martin Luther King holiday for the first time in the history of the college with the day off of school and a week long series of events known as Dream Week. Dream Week was a huge success the first year, as it has been in subsequent years. We

were in the local news often and we made connections with community groups who had never visited Centenary. We also proposed to hire a Director of Diversity, which was initially accepted, but then indefinitely postponed after the financial crisis.

Although progress has been slow at times (due to lack of funding, support, and time), the Diversity Committee has expanded beyond Dream Week, and into a variety of areas over the past several years. Our long term goal is to create an inclusive environment that values every individual on campus. Here are some of the things we have done:

- Planned and executed programming for heritage months

- Supported community events such as the Gay and Lesbian Film Festival

- Helped to reconstitute the Minority Student Association, which has now grown into a vibrant Multicultural Student Association

- Helped to begin the Model Arab League program

- Received two grants and attended subsequent workshops on infusing diversity into the classroom and the curriculum

- Created a position for a devoted Diversity Advocate to serve on all faculty searches in hopes of recruiting, attracting, and hiring more diverse faculty (begun in 2011-2012)

- Instituted an official Safe Zone (LGBTQ ally program) training which will begin in 2012-2013 academic year

This year, the Diversity Committee received a budget for the first time, and we have expanded to include two working groups—one focused on programming and the other on campus-wide policies committed to promoting diversity and transforming the campus culture for all students. Expect to see more information about the Safe Zone program and the Diversity Advocate position in the near future!

If you are interested in diversity issues at Centenary, please feel free to get involved. The Diversity Committee meetings are open and the members are always willing to entertain new ideas, suggestions, criticisms, and comments. Let's all work together to make our campus an inclusive environment where everyone is accepted and valued. For more information on the Committee or its meetings, you can contact Dr. Kelly Weeks (kweeks@centenary.edu) or one of the current co-chairs of the Diversity Committee, Dr. Chad Fulwider (cfulwider@centenary.edu) or Chris Lavan (clavan@centenary.edu).

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Go Green [House!]: Pastured Meats 101

Karley Aiken
A&E Editor

Monday, March 19, the GreenHouse sponsored an event on pastured meat and educating the community about the labels and restrictions that we see when purchasing meat. Jerica and Matt Cadman, owners of Shady Grove Ranch in Jefferson, Texas, were the guest speakers for the event. They explained the history of husbandry practices, cattle drives, the Great Dust Bowl, and how Shady Grove Ranch does things differently when it comes to serving their customers.

Jerica went through the different labels that one might find when shopping for the best meat – no hormones, organic, free range, grass-fed, grass-finished, etc. Turns out, none of the labels

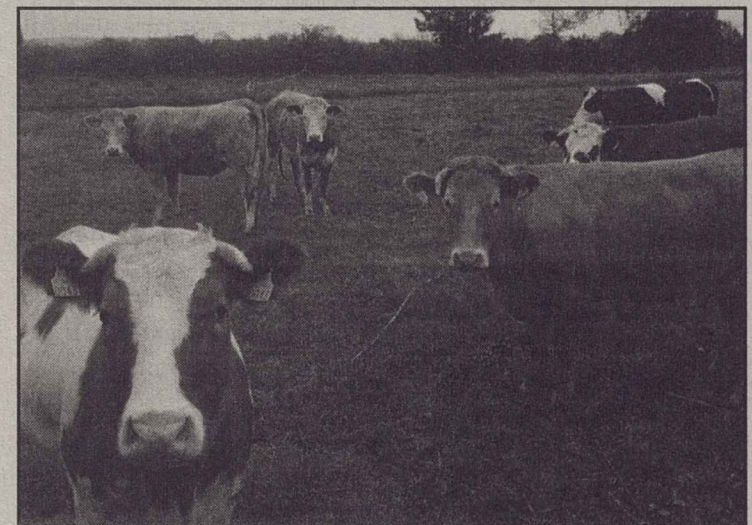
mean quite what they say. For example, the "No Hormones" label usually restricts most hormones, but there is a possibility that there are still hormones in the meat.

The main hormones that this meat doesn't have is rBGH or estrogen tags. The "Organic" label is also a bit shady (no pun intended) as well. For instance, one of the rules for an organic label is that no synthetics are allowed unless specifically allowed, and all non-synthetics are allowed unless specifically prohibited (which is a bit confusing and it doesn't seem that strict at all.) It seems like it might be a better option, but there are always loopholes that producers and companies can find to make their product less genuinely organic (or whatever the label) than they claim it to be.

Some other inter-

esting facts that you might not have known about meat production: Unofficial labels such as "Cage-Free", "Grain-Fed", "Grass-Fed", and "Pasture-Raised", aren't federally regulated and can mean very different things depending on where you are buying from. The label "Grass-Finished", for example, is an unofficial label that usually means grass was the last meal that the animal ate. However, that doesn't mean that they didn't eat grain previously (which would be somewhat skewing the understanding of the consumer). Also, I was interested to find out that it is a normal practice to soak baby chickens in bleach as a cleaning ritual.

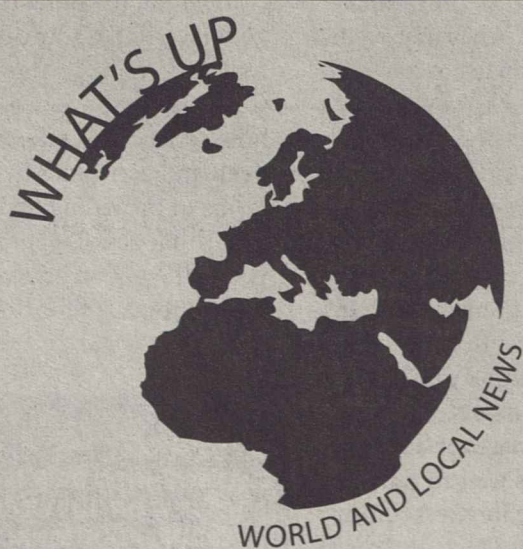
Probably the most interesting piece of information I learned at this event was that, in order to prevent a scare like Mad Cow Disease, cows



are now considered vegetarians (cows don't eat other cows). This makes sense, because cows wouldn't naturally eat other cows. However, according to the Cadmans, the federal regulators have taken the restriction too far by declaring poultry vegetarians as well – which isn't natural (chickens include insects, etc. in their diet).

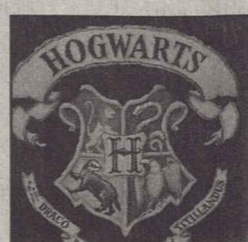
This event was infor-

mative and encouraged me to be more active in educating myself and others about what we put in our bodies. Even for vegetarians, knowing how, where, and by whom your food is made is extremely important. This presentation allowed us to meet our meat – and the introduction didn't taste so nice.



France

About 300 police officers surrounded an apartment in the south of France on Wednesday, trying to coax a man whom authorities called a self-styled al Qaeda jihadist to surrender after a series of shootings that left seven people dead.



Harry Potter

An actor in the Harry Potter movies was jailed for two years Tuesday for his role in riots that swept London last summer.



Florida

Outrage over the killing of an unarmed Florida teen rippled nationwide as supporters planned more protests Wednesday and a petition demanding the shooter's arrest amassed nearly 1 million signatures.



Mexico

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NEWS

The Rising Cost of Tuition

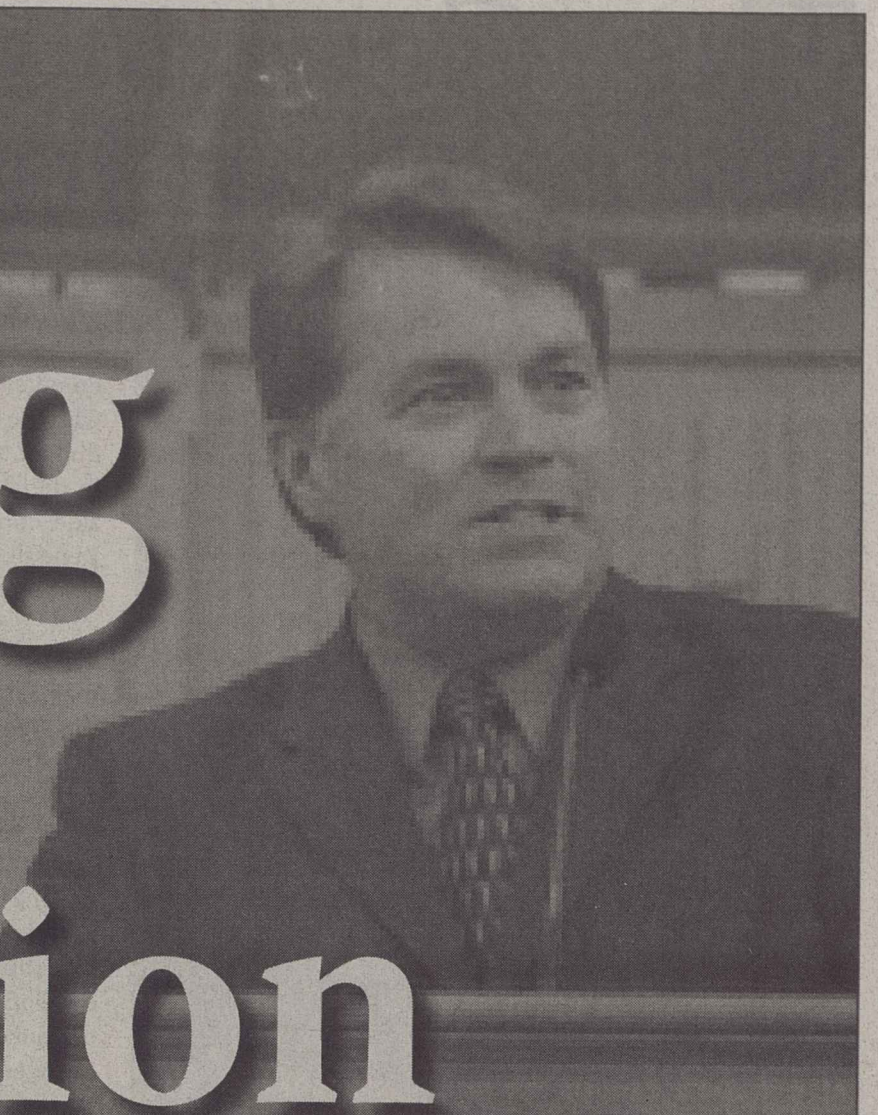


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INTERVIEW WITH DR. ROWE

The Conglomerate sat down with Centenary College's President, Dr. B. David Rowe, to share questions and concerns contributed to us by the student body.

Conglomerate: What's your response to how this tuition increase is currently affecting the students?

Dr. B. David Rowe: It's not a surprise to me that students are thinking carefully about their financial planning for their education. What I am hopeful for is that the students will be able to look at the intentional accommodations that we are making for returning students so that we could mitigate the price for them and make the net effect more normalized.

Congo: Communication seems to be a big issue at hand. What was the thinking behind sending letters directly to students' houses versus their campus mailboxes, and why wasn't there a global sent out before mailing the letters?

Dr. Rowe: This is official communication of the institution about the price of the institution, so it went to the official address of record for the students. And there's not a reason why there wasn't a global sent out ahead of time. There could have been and probably would have been an improvement on the process next year.

Congo: How soon can students expect to see the changes that will come from the tuition increase?

Dr. Rowe: I would think almost immediately. Many of [the changes] were outlined in the letter, particularly the things that have happened over the last couple of years.

But there are a number of things that have happened already that will cost money to sustain as we go forward. And then there will be things that won't be as visible to students, like being able to support and sustain a high quality faculty and staff here -- to me that's the key to the Centenary experience.

Congo: Why such a huge hike in tuition for one year?

Dr. Rowe: It doesn't seem to me that the whole picture is being processed by particular students or the student body as a whole. One of the pieces here is that this is a new simplified tuition rate. All of the mandatory tuition and fees that were previously billed separately are rolled into this particular price, the \$29,500. So if you deduct those fees and the transformation grants, the actual increase each year is not very atypical for higher education.

Congo: There has been a surge of students who have said that they can't take on this additional cost and that they'll have to leave. What is your response to them?

Dr. Rowe: Encourage them to do the math—to actually back out what the fees would normally be and make the transition to the one price, which we hope will be simplified and more coherent and transparent in the future—and to take advantage of the transformation grants so that they are experiencing a more nominal cost increase year over year. Talk to financial aid and make sure that they're maximizing the aid that's available to them. And I'd also encourage them to do some soul-searching about the value of the experience that they're having, and whether or not it's worth it. I believe it is.

Congo: Are you worried about the chance that you will not have a huge incoming freshman class once they receive word about the tuition increase? Are they fully aware of the increase?

Dr. Rowe: Most small colleges have an anxiety every year about the incoming class and want to make sure that it's a strong, academically qualified incoming class. We are planning for multiple possibilities, but we're able

to talk now with our prospective students about what the expectations will be.

Congo: How does Centenary raising tuition impact prospective students considering the possibility of a Louisiana Tech Shreveport campus possibly becoming a reality soon?

Dr. Rowe: Centenary can't and will never be able to compete with Louisiana Tech, LSUS, and LSU on price. I think Centenary has been trying in years past to do that, but that's not a winning strategy for [us] going forward.

Congo: In combination with residence life changes, how do you see this increase affecting local students?*

Dr. Rowe: It's going to require us to expand our recruiting footprint. We'll need to make sure we're recruiting students from a broader range.

We get really great students locally, and many really great students locally choose to live on campus all four years—and we're delighted when they do. But it does require us to claim the power of the residential learning experience here and ask everyone to participate in that learning experience. It will also require us to go to new markets and recruit people in to Centenary.

Congo: What efforts are going to be made by the office of Admission in order to make up for this increase in tuition change, athletic conference, and change in residential policy?

Dr. Rowe: We are moving in to a very strong athletic conference with the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC), and, again, you can compare us to other SCAC schools.

The admissions office is already changing tactics. They are leading with the value of a Centenary education and being more selec-

tive in their searches for students who are likely to thrive in this environment and are willing to pay for it.

Congo: Why isn't the difference in transformation grant prices front-and-center for students? Why do the web site and letters clearly show the \$2500 deduction for Residential students but not the \$1500 less rate of \$1000 for commuters?

Dr. Rowe: In every communication that I've been a part of, we've been explicit about how much is available for residential students and how much is available for non-residential students, and then we used that example for the non-residential students to give an example that would help students understand the one price and the effect of the tuition. I would think that somebody could do the quick calculations themselves. And most of our students are residents, so that was the example that seemed to make the most sense.

Congo: Why are commuters receiving less money versus the residential students?

Dr. Rowe: Residential students pay \$8-9000 more to Centenary than commuter students do, and we value the residential learning experience as the key learning experience on campus. In terms of what the residential experience are having to bear relative to Centenary's costs increasing, it's higher than what the commuter students are.

That being said, we realized when we put the transformation grants together that there were on-campus and off-campus students, so we did, in fact, put the \$1000 in there for commuter students as well so that it helps mitigate their tuition increase.

Congo: Are the examples given in the letter ac-

tual examples of programs receiving money from the increased tuition, or are those just some examples of Centenary's expansion that are not necessarily receiving increased funds from the rise in tuition prices?

Dr. Rowe: All of the examples in the letter were budgeted, and all of the money that is paid in the tuition goes in to the budget. In order to support those programs we have to have enough revenue to support the expenses that they create.

Will students be solicited for their opinion as we move forward with this increase?

Dr. Rowe: Absolutely. One of the philosophical goals of the transformation grants is to establish a conversational relationship with the students who are experiencing the change, to help us make the change more productive and more beneficial for students.

Congo: Based on what you've heard from the students, are there any final statements that you would like to make on the tuition increase?

Dr. Rowe: I would encourage people to do the math and stay tuned, because I think we'll be continuing to roll out some important things that will be compelling to students as we go forward. Do some deep reflection on the value of a Centenary experience, and how generous Centenary has been and continues to be in terms of providing financial aid. Think about where else you could get an education like Centenary's for the value that it is.

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RESPONSES FROM DR. ROWE.

NEWS

SGA HOSTS TUITION FORUM

On Monday, March 19th, the Student Government Association (SGA) held a forum to discuss the increase in tuition prices, address student concerns and dispel rumors.

The panel included Dr. David Rowe, President of the College, as well as several other members of the administration.

Dr. Rowe opened the first half of the forum with an apology for the "disjointed communication process" in which the information was delivered to the students, highlighting the importance of communication between students and the administration.

Students were given a little over thirty minutes to ask

questions, many of which overlapped with The Conglomerate's interview with Dr. Rowe, featured left.

A few things that stood out:

1. A tuition and fees comparison of schools similar to Centenary was distributed during the forum. The form ranked 34 schools, ours included, by the cost of their tuition. Millsaps was highlighted as a school that is very similar to ours but currently charges more than we plan on charging in the next year.
2. Health care is now included in the 29,500 cost, as mandated by the government. There are no plans for a hard waiver for this included cost.
3. Lab fees/student fees are all

rolled in to the one price-tuition, even if you aren't taking a lab. The "line-item" way of looking at fees has been discarded.

Questions of tuition quickly shifted to questions about the new curriculum changes and upcoming residence life policies, both of which will be covered more in depth in Conglomerate articles through the end of the semester.

Following the forum, SGA created a Facebook page where students can continue to follow up with unasked or unanswered questions. Search for "Tuition Forum Aftermath" to see other student questions and responses or post your own.



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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

\$29,500

That's the fees-inclusive lump sum cost for tuition next year.

When keeping in mind the fact that fees aren't included in our current tuition price (\$24,030), as well as the option to pursue a transformation grant, the cost of tuition does not equate to a \$5000 difference, as rumored.

Transformation Grants

\$1000 for Commuters
\$2500 for Residential Students

For all of the stipulations regarding these grants, check out:

<http://www.centenary.edu/ta/transformation>

Deadlines

The deadline to apply for a Transformation Grant is APRIL 16TH. Sign-up forms are now available on the transformation grant web site.

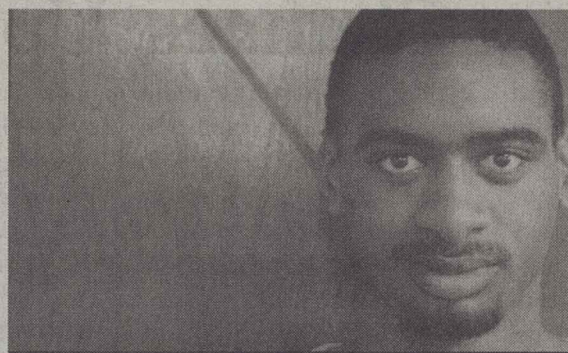
Room Lottery occurs on FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH @SUB.

WHAT STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY



BEN SANCHEZ, FRESHMAN

"The tuition change is a scary thing for many people, especially someone in my position where I must live on campus. The tuition hike is something that was unavoidable although I do not justify the way administration handled it. However, if the tuition increase is going to the professors, some of who have not had a raise in five years, then so be it. The professors here make the Centenary experience worthwhile, not the new golf cart or the improvements to Jones-Rice."



KEATON ROBERSON, SOPHOMORE

"The tuition spike will continue to be a source of conflict for much of the student body. Already, many of them are preparing to transfer at an alarming rate. The administration delivered their message poorly - both by letter and forum - and has utterly failed to rally student support. Worst of all, their response at the forum on Monday, regarding curriculum changes-- 'We didn't think about that' --is inexcusable. When people are spending thousands of dollars from pocket and through loans to fund their education, lazy thinking is the last thing we want to hear. That behavior jeopardizes both the future of the student and the college and it is not acceptable."



KENDALL HUGHES, JUNIOR

"What concerns me the most about the changes occurring at Centenary is what seems like a removal from what attracted me to 2911 Centenary Boulevard (a great family-like environment) in the first place. As such a small campus, we have the ability to bring together staff, faculty, administration, and student concerns into decision making. These four key players should make policy together, and information flow should reflect these people and the college's priority. We attend a unique school, and instead of focusing on what other schools do better, I believe it is extremely important to focus on what we do best--decisions that are made together, and in everyone's interest."



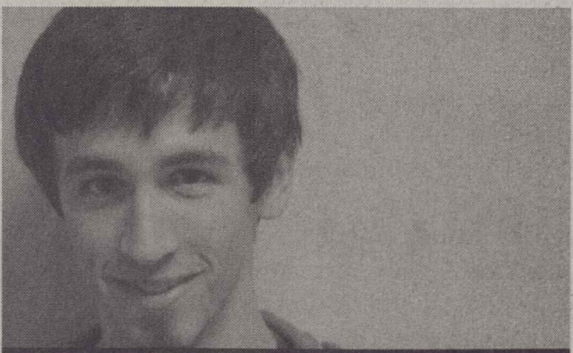
LUKE LISHERNES, JUNIOR

"I thought Dr. Rowe presented an overall convincing argument regarding the rationale behind the tuition spikes. I understand basic finance in that you can't run an upside down business model, which I think students are failing to realize. Centenary balanced a \$3 million budget debt in two years, now it's time to increase the revenue side. The reality is Centenary's future is in larger danger from running an upside down business model than by raising tuition to create a good business model. No one likes change, but change is often necessary. I believe Centenary's willingness to adapt to the new economy in our country is a step in the right direction."



SAMARRA KINCEN, JUNIOR

"After attending Centenary College for over two years, I am not entirely shocked that the tuition has increased. However, a seventeen percent increase does make me wonder what exactly the money is being used for. Reasons for the tuition increase include incorporating new programs, funding new departments, giving raises to teachers, and continuing to battle school debt. The problem for most students, especially rising seniors and juniors, is that they are not completely sure if they will see a return in their investment. Students want to know that their opinions are valued and included in Centenary's future decisions."

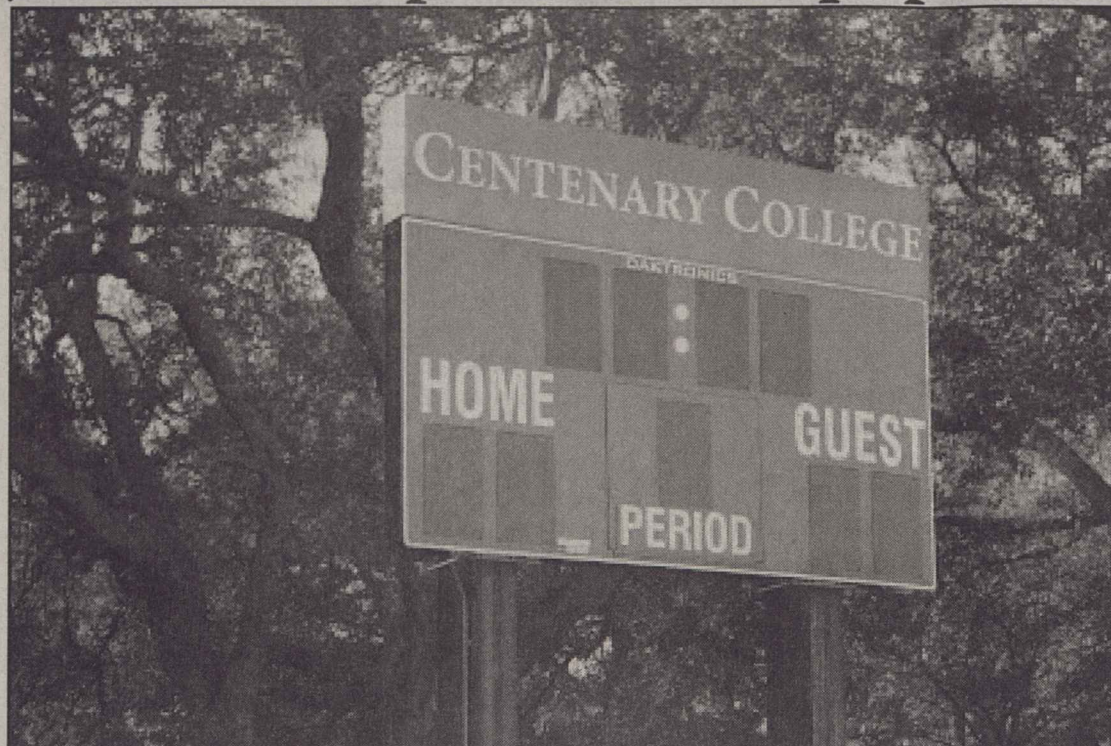


TAYLOR ATKINSON, SOPHOMORE

"I have done my own math. I have looked at the numbers and compared them to the past 10 years of Centenary costs. The conclusion that I reached was that almost everything is increasing far more than normal. It's not just tuition; it's fees, housing, and meal plans, too. This change is big and it happened at a rate that nobody expected. I know that the administration came to this decision with good goals in mind; however, this is way too big of a change to spring on the student body in the month of March. We should have been informed that this was a possibility much earlier so that we could examine it, think about it, and question it at greater length. With room lottery and class registration happening this very month, the time we had to examine this before we had to commit to paying it was too short."

NEWS

Jones-Rice sports new equipment



Christian Prince
Staff Writer

Have you been out to Jones-Rice Field lately? No? Then you are missing out on the new additions to the field.

When the school year began, Jones-Rice seemed to be a simple area where students would come together and compete in intramural sports, campus activities, and things of that nature. Then after Christmas, new additions have popped up to spice up events held there.

Jones-Rice now sports a new pavilion and scoreboard. The back metal fence near the batter's box has also been extended. The idea for the new additions came from Justin Cash and Chris Sampite. Mr. Justin Cash said, "Him and I were talking about how I need a storage unit."

Before the pavilion was

built, all needed equipment was kept in a metal bin behind the fence. The space was very limited, and things were cramped into it. Now the new pavilion has a walk-in storage closet, which Mr. Cash is fine with students using to store additional things in as long as there is enough room. All students have to do is go talk to him. The doors stay locked and only a limited amount of people have a key for it.

Along with the storage room, the pavilion contains a water fountain, desk to use as a work station, and a speaker system that can be used for several things. Students are free to use the field; they just need to contact Mr. Cash. CAB has talked about using it and any other student may as well.

The scoreboard is there mostly for intramural pur-

poses. It can keep score, innings, and time. Teams in the community can also now more effectively use the field if need be. A mixture of benefits has occurred for staff that works with the field and students here on campus that finds a use for the field.

When asked if everything was worth building, Mr. Cash said, "Absolutely."

SGA funded the building of it. On the side of student involvement, Drew Burnham was the major source to getting everything built. Mr. Cash said he took the idea to Burnham and "he really liked the idea." Despite the steep cost, the benefits should definitely end up outweighing that.

The equipment was used for the first time last Tuesday, and will be used a great deal more for future events.

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Student Government Changes: Upcoming Elections

Charles Madden
Contributing Writer

In anticipation for SGA Executive Council elections scheduled for the beginning of April, the Senate and EC voted to change the structure of the EC at the Senate meeting on Tuesday, March 13. These changes were made to hopefully fix the shortcomings of the current SGA/EC structure and to better distribute the work that each EC member does.

New EC Structure: Composed of five members.

President - in charge of running meetings, sits as the student representative on the Board of Trustees and several other administrative committees, relates information from administration to the Senate

Vice President of Programming (VPPro) - oversees the Organizational Committee (OrgComm), organizes Homecoming, helps guide new club formation on campus, with OrgComm, is in charge of organizing all programming events put on by SGA, directs events geared specifically for organizations and organizational heads,

Vice President of Policy (VPPol) - In charge of making sure Parliamentary procedure is followed in meeting, organizes forums for the students, relates information from academic and faculty committees to the Senate, oversees the Senate Initiative Committee (SIComm),

reviews campus policies and SGA Bylaws, with SIComm, directs events specifically geared towards campus policies, oversees new campus initiatives

Vice President of Finance (VPFin) - Oversees the Financial Committee (FinComm), with FinComm, acts as a liaison between campus organizations and writes resolutions for campus organizations looking for funding from SGA, keeps an accurate record of expenditures and allocations agreed upon by SGA, oversees the distribution of students fees to the Media, SGA accounts and CAB, acts as the liaison between the Media and SGA, oversees the Media Society Meetings, and oversees approval of Media budgets

Secretary - takes accurate minutes of SGA and EC meetings, is in charge of updating the SGA website with news of SGA's activities,

in charge of posting minutes of meetings and resolutions passed by SGA to the website, is in charge of passing along information to school Media and external relations

Reasons for these changes

One of the main problems corrected by these changes is the process for writing resolutions for an organization. In the old setup, OrgComm had direct communication with the student organizations. When an organization wanted to write a resolution, they would contact OrgComm, and then be directed to FinComm to have the resolution written. With the new set up, FinComm will be in direct contact with the organizations on campus. This cuts the extra step organizations were forced to go through.

Another task transferred to the new VPFin is watching over the media. Besides be-

ing a liaison for media and overseeing Media Society meetings, the main job of the Vice President of Procedure (VPP) was to help out with the formation and approval of their budgets. Since the main job of the VPP was to deal with policies, it makes more sense to move the responsibilities of overseeing budget changes and approval to the new VPFin along with the liaison tasks since the VPFin and FinComm is already a liaison to the other organizations on campus.

In the old setup, many of the activities that the Executive Vice President (EVP) and VPP did, could go under either job description and it made it unclear who should be in charge of a specific event. Under the new description, The VPPro would be in charge of all programming. VPPol would only be over programming that is an initiative to help improve or

enact changes on campus. Also, since many of the academic and faculty committees deal with policy changes on campus, it made sense that the VPPol would be a better liaison between the students on those committees and the Senate than the President.

The secretary is a new position added the EC after being removed two years ago. Currently the Secretary is a student worker that takes, corrects and sends out the minutes. The reasoning to make the Secretary an EC position again is to give more responsibility to the Secretary than a paid student worker might be willing to do. The addition of the Secretary would also allow two positions that any student can apply to be without previously being on the Senate for a year - the other position being the VPFin.

With these changes, the senate and EC hope to better distribute the functions of SGA in more efficient manner, thus allowing us to better serve you. If you have more questions about these changes, please contact a member of the SGA to answer your questions.

On a final note, SGA elections are coming up soon! Applications for the SGA President position will be due March 30. The elections for President will be open for voting from April 2 to 10. Applications for the other EC positions are due by the April 11, with voting open from April 12 to 18.



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Guest Director Alan Souza on Campus

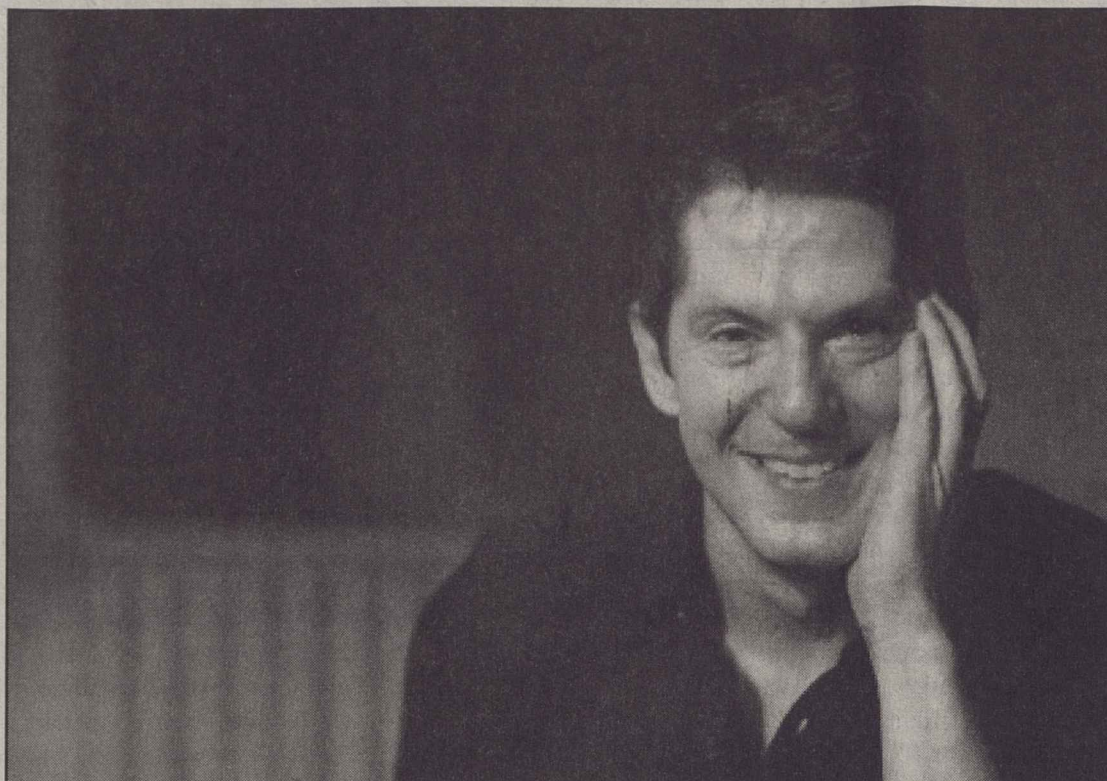


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Erika Lunsford
Staff Writer

"Spring Awakening is about young people. That's one of the main reasons it speaks to me, and the hot issues the play presents are being dealt with now."

The buzz around the campus tells of a guest director in town, Alan Souza. He's come to Shreveport to direct the Centenary Theatre department's final main-stage show for the semester, "Spring Awakening: A New Musical."

Souza has a long list of accomplishments and awards attached to his name, and Centenary's in for a real treat when the curtain finally rises.

The freelance director

hails from Springfield, New Jersey. His passion has always been the theatre, but he started off as an actor.

He went to Syracuse for musical theatre, wanting to direct more than anything else. His junior year, he was able to direct a musical called Personals for his directing project.

But after college, he worked as an actor, going from show to show trying to find the missing piece.

One lucky day, he struck up a conversation with a man while taking a flight back home from a show. The wisdom this man imparted helped him take the first step towards his goal: "Just start directing."

He began "apprenticing" under Walter Bobbie, the di-

rector of the long-running revival of the musical Chicago.

But there is only so much you can learn from watching.

Bobbie gave him the advice to just "start telling people you're a director" in order to get directing jobs. And he had to stop taking acting roles if he was to immerse himself in his passion.

Souza's first job as a director was Fiddler on the Roof at the Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma, and from that moment on the door of opportunity was open.

Since then, Souza has directed a multitude of shows such as revisionist versions of Rent, My Fair Lady, and Camelot. He also envisioned and directed The Little Hours and Exposure Time,

both leading Souza to receive the prestigious Edgerton Foundation Award for New Works.

He's also worked at many theatres across the U.S.: Walnut Street Theatre, The New Theatre, Virginia Musical Theatre, The Human Race Theatre, Arkansas Repertory Theatre, Texas Shakespeare Festival, and the John W. Engeman Theatre at Northport to name a few.

It's safe to say he comes with quite a bit of experience under his belt, and his love for theatre and directing only further confirm the greatness of the show to come.

When asked what made him choose a musical, Souza said, "Directing a musical is easier because it already has natural ebbs and flows. With other plays, you have to find the rhythms and music within the story—musicals already provide that for you."

Souza also said he enjoyed "teaching/directing students because [he] has to remember to adapt [his]

communication to the age group." And it's always good to work with the different environments and circumstances of directing.

His passion for directing is simple. "You get to a place where surrender is a great tool. You can give yourself to the piece, but you have to remember to step away from it once it's opening night. It's no longer yours—it belongs to the cast then," Souza said.

Souza's passion for theatre is boundless, and his talent will speak for itself once Spring Awakening is finally finished.

If you'd like to know more about Alan Souza, visit his website at www.alansouza.net.

Spring Awakening will be showing April 13-14 and 19-21 at 8:00pm, with a matinee April 15 at 2:00pm. For more information or ticket sales, contact the Box office at (318)-869-5242.



Top 5 Local Tattoo Artists



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It's late one Saturday evening. You've just come back from a night of fun, but the night is still young. You're not ready to call it quits.

As you're sitting in your room staring at the wall thinking of what else you could do to finish out the evening, it hits you: "I'm going to get that tattoo I've always wanted."

Well, getting a tattoo is a serious decision.

It should require a lot of thought about what you want inked onto your skin, whether or not you're prepared to have it on your skin for life (barring expensive, painful tattoo laser tattoo removal), how big the tattoo should be, where to get it placed, etc.

And one of the most important parts of the decision-making process should be the tattoo artist.

A multitude of things could happen in choosing the wrong tattoo artist, but we won't go there...

Getting a tattoo is an

experience, and it should be a great one! It goes without saying that picking the right artist will ensure your tattooing experience will be all it can be.

With that in mind, here's my pick for the top 5 tattoo artists in Shreveport.

5. Rodney Clark: Sacred Temple tattoos and body piercing (312 East Stoner Ave.)

4. Kelly Carlisle: Skull and Bones tattoo shop (128 East Kings Hwy.)

3. Joseph Pineda: Skull and Bones tattoo shop

2. Levi Hilton: Skinworks tattoo shop (101 East Kings Hwy.)

1. Mickey Hunter: Skull and Bones tattoo shop

Yes, it may seem I'm a bit biased, but there is a rhyme and reason to it.

As I said before, getting tattooed is an experience that isn't just about the tattoo. And not only are these artists great at what they ink, but they also provide a great experience for their customers.

Conglomerate sat down

with Mickey Hunter to see what all goes into being a good tattoo artist and creating a good experience for customers.

Congo: What made you decide to become a tattoo artist?

Hunter: I'd been piercing for about 7 years, and I wanted something else I could express artistically that would challenge me. And then I thought, well, I work in a tattoo shop so why not try it?

Congo: How did you learn to tattoo?

Hunter: You really have to teach yourself. I sort of apprenticed for a bit, but there is only so much you can learn from watching. Tattooing is very hands-on, like a lot of other art forms.

Congo: What's your favorite style of tattooing?

Hunter: I like them all, but my favorite is new school. It's so colorful, crazy, and out-of-proportion—almost cartoony.

Congo: What's your best experience tattooing someone?

Hunter: Each job is a good experience. If you can tattoo someone, and they love it and had a good time getting it, that's what really matters. Without the experience, a tattoo is just a picture on your skin.

Congo: What goes into a good tattooing experience?

Hunter: Several things: a comfortable and clean tattooing environment, an artist

who is going to make you feel good (whether by chatting you up, etc.), and a great tattoo...although that last is the least important.

Congo: Can you tattoo anything? And what do you do if you can't?

Hunter: I can tattoo anything but portraits, and I won't even attempt one. There are just so many more styles I can do better. And if I can't do it, I refer them to someone I know who can do a great job.

Congo: Have you ever had a bad experience or unhappy customer?

Hunter: I've never had someone say it to my face,

but I have had a few tattoos where I thought to myself, "What the hell was I doing?" The tat didn't turn out bad, it just could've been so much better—but the customer is always right!

Congo: What did you learn from your experiences?

Hunter: After 8 years of tattooing, I know that the more enthusiastic and open-minded the customer the better the experience. As for bad ones, I've learned that if I don't think I can do it, I will refer them to someone else. It all boils down to the planets aligning just right every time—it's never perfect, but you can get damn close.



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NEWS

My Anger is Political Stance

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Opinion/Editorial

A recent article written by Flava Dzodan for the feminist blog Tiger Beatdown, entitled “When anger is all I have and why anger is my feminist stand,” caught my attention and the attention of many other concerned readers.

“I have news for those who obturate discussions on the basis of undesirable anger,” she writes in the third paragraph. “MY ANGER IS A RADICAL POLITICAL STANCE. My anger is the basis of my actions. It is my drive and my reason to fight. Right here, right now, let me tell you this: I AM AN ANGRY FEMINIST. And I refuse to be shamed for that.”

I am angry, and I refuse to be shamed. When I repeat these words to myself, I cannot help but feel what the Psalmist felt when he wrote, speaking of the Lord’s precepts, “How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!” Because I am very angry, and people try to tell me to calm down about it, and those people should go to hell.

I am angry because while US corporate profits hit an all-time high of \$1.97 trillion in the third quarter of 2011, real wages declined two percent that year when adjusted for inflation.

I am angry because median household income has returned to its level in 1996—the first time since the Great Depression that income has not risen over such a long time span—and 46.2 million people live below the poverty line, the highest number recorded in the Census Bureau’s more than fifty years of recording statistics on poverty.

I am angry because in Arizona, Alabama, and other states, a person can be harassed by police simply on suspicion of being an illegal immigrant, laws which have led thousands of people—mothers, fathers, and children—to pull up stakes and flee those states.

I am angry because President Obama has deported more than a million people during his administration, about one percent of them American citizens, putting him on track to deport more people in his first term than President George W. Bush deported in his eight years in office.

I am angry because, again in Arizona, employers may soon be allowed to demand that employees prove to them that they are using their birth control for non-pregnancy prevention reasons, like medicating acne, if they want to be reimbursed by their health plans.

I am angry because women in this country, my mother included, are now regularly shamed by right-wing politicians for exercising their basic human rights. Rush Limbaugh went so far as to call Georgetown University law student Sandra Fluke a slut last month when she testified on Capitol Hill in defense of Obamacare’s contraception requirement for employers. He said, if she wanted to have sex on the taxpayers’ dime, she might as well post a video of her encounters online so we could get our money’s worth.

I am angry because after the Supreme Court’s ruling in 2010’s *Citizens United v. United States*, so-called Super PACs can now pour unlimited amounts of anonymous cash into our supposedly free elections.

I am angry because laws restricting citizen access to the ballot box and workers’ rights to organize are sweeping the states.

I am angry because being black or brown today is still a capital offense, like it was during slavery and Jim Crow. Troy Davis was executed on September 21, 2011, on the charge of murdering an off-duty police officer—despite no DNA, fingerprints, or ballistic evidence, and witnesses whose credibility and

consistency was shaky at best.

Marine sergeant Manuel Loggins was shot dead by a police officer in front of his nine- and fourteen-year-old daughters on March 7 after committing no crime, and his daughters were subsequently held by police for questioning for thirteen hours, with their mother not allowed to visit them.

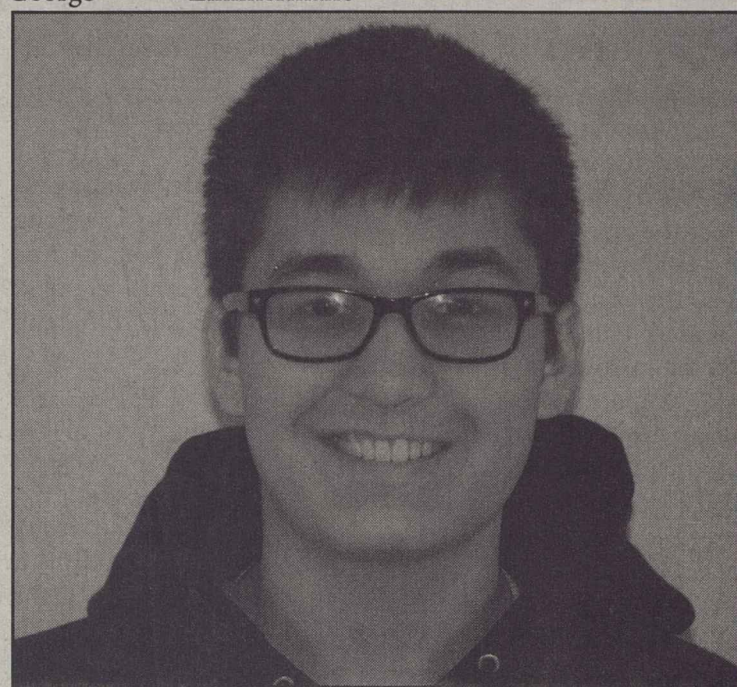
Trayvon Martin, a seventeen-year-old boy armed with a can of sweet tea and bag of Skittles, was shot dead by a neighborhood watchmen while standing outside his father’s house in Orlando for no damn reason. When police arrived on the scene, they immediately accepted the murderer George Zimmerman’s

allegation that he had acted in self-defense, and did not even detain him.

I am angry because when the Occupy protests kicked up in the fall of last year, I watched the police “serve and protect” thousands of protestors’ faces into the bloody asphalt just for talking about the kinds of issues I am trying to raise here.

I am angry because the America I grew up loving, that my father served loyally in his two tours in Iraq, that my grandfather served at Okinawa, has been defrocked as a sham, a phony myth like Bigfoot.

I am angry because I love this country and it doesn’t love me back.



CAB Spring Fling 2012: Gods and Goddesses among men

Erika Lunsford
Staff Writer

Centenary Activities Board (CAB) hosts an event every spring called “Spring Fling.” This year was no different, the theme for this year’s Spring Fling was “Greek and Roman Gods and Goddesses.”

From March 12 to 16, events were planned based with this year’s theme in mind.

Monday, March 12 was Greek Fest. CAB served Greek food from Athena’s. The feast consisted of traditional Greek foods: hummus, jasmine rice, shaved lamb, chicken shawarma, one-meat grape leaves, Greek salad,

and pita bread.

Also, while partaking in tasty Greek cuisine, students could decorate and/or smash plates in the common Greek tradition.

Tuesday featured a Greek Quiz bowl. While quite a few students signed up for this event, only a handful showed up, but the attendees made the best of it.

Three teams (The Hot Chalupas, Theta Chi, and PP&J) competed in a battle of wits over ancient Greek and Roman culture for a chance at Starbuck’s gift cards.

The battle was intense, and with host freshman Nathan Gauthier (dressed as an impressive Apollo) who wouldn’t have a blast? The contestants seemed to re-

ally know their stuff, and they were only stumped by a handful of questions.

Yours truly competed with the Hot Chalupas for the victory. Theta Chi came in second, and PP&J took third. Each team walked away with a prize, so everyone won.

Build-a-Bear took place on Wednesday. This event really didn’t have anything to do with Spring Fling’s theme—unless of course you count the fact that each god and goddess has an animal associated with him or her.

Some of the stuffed animals to choose from were penguins, otters, elephants, foxes, German shepherds, frogs, turtles, bears, and white tigers (to name a few).

This event’s only snag

was running out of stuffing for the animals. Other than that, the event drew in a ton of students.

Thursday brought about the Coliseum Throwdown. Students were invited to duke it out in a gladiatorial competition, which resulted in prizes.

There were three bounce houses. One featured an arena with an elevated disk on which two opponents had to balance and hit each other with oversized Q-tips. Another mimicked a boxing ring, where competitors hit each other with giant boxing gloves. The last invited attendees to bounce their way to a slam-dunk.

About 15 students showed up during this three-

hour event, but they made the most of it—brawling and wrestling with one another while bouncing around like hyperactive children.

These events were supposed to culminate with the final event, Miss-ter Centenary, an annual drag show ending Spring Fling week.

Unfortunately, only one gent signed up to compete in the event. Hence, the event is postponed until the end of March.

Spring Fling this year was a huge success for those who attended the events. Those who decided to sit out this year’s Spring Fling missed opportunities to win gift cards, eat great food, and take home free goodies.

Changes, from page 1

students can truly diversify their academic transcript.

For the situations in which a student may find that a needed class is not offered, concessions have been made in the way of empowering the departments to determine suitable alternatives for a student’s degree plan. The communication system for these departments to relay this information back to the administration is currently being developed. As soon as a solution for the relay of this information is reached, the advisors will know the process by which to ensure that the Registrar receives this information.

As current students, we can recognize that this will

be a good change for future students. However, this does put us in a bind ourselves, and is very frustrating for those of us who already have degree plans and are trying to make sure that we have all the correct classes for our majors, minors, and core in order to graduate on time. The last thing any of us want is to have to stay an extra semester in order to finish up those one or two classes that we somehow missed. A very easy way for students to avoid this is to handle your business!

When I speak of handling your business, I am referring to both the program set forth by the Registrar’s Office and ensuring that you

take responsibility for your own education. The money that either you, or someone on your behalf, are spending on this education should be utilized as best possible to achieve the most successful college career possible. Students cannot depend entirely on advisors and the Registrar’s Office to keep track of our degrees for us. A major help in the avoidance of “graduation crises” would be to know what your own degree plan consists of, and how you plan to get there.

A word of advice from Nicole Deese, Director of Re-Enrollment, is to avoid panicking over situations. “We are able, with our school’s size, to work with students to

a great extent, but we will still uphold the academic integrity of a Centenary degree,” says Deese. The new course catalog is still in the works, and is currently under extensive review. The release date is unknown at this point, but it will be published as soon as possible.

Armed with this knowledge, students can empower themselves to avoid conflicts by planning and communicating with advisors, the Registrar’s Office, the Associate Dean, and the Provost’s Office, both early and in an efficient manner. “We realize that the changes make everyone nervous, so ask questions before you assume the worst.” This was one piece of

advice given to the students by Hemphill. “We are doing everything we possibly can to make things easier through the transition and to improve communication as much as possible,” Hemphill said.

The main necessity of both the administration and the student body is patience. These changes are a bit intensive and mishaps will occur because we are all human. This can be avoided to a great extent, however, if everyone works together and does their part to help the system move as smoothly as possible.

SPORTS

Gents' Baseball still winning



Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

The Gents had another busy week facing another Division I team and having a three game series against rival Louisiana College. The Gents had a successful outing beating the athletic Grambling State here in Shreveport Louisiana.

Tuesday night the Division I Grambling State Tigers traveled to Shehee Stadium to face the Gents' powerful offense.

The Gents have been finding ways to get the job done in the diamond by excellent pitching and clutch

hitting. Eight Centenary batters collected at least one base hit led by Dan Lazarou's three-RBI effort and Jemari James' going 3-for-4 at the plate in an 11-8 win over visiting Grambling State.

Nic Parrott earned the win after pitching a solid 4 1/3 innings, scattering eight hits and only giving up two earned runs. Parrott was the second of six Centenary pitchers after Chase Clarke saw just 1/3 of an inning with the start. He allowed no hits, but gave up two runs after walking two batters.

The Tigers got off to a quick start, but the Gents answered with some offence

of their own in the bottom of the first. The Gents cut into the deficit thanks to the first of Tyler Clakley's two doubles. Clakley scored on a Jeff Schaffert single following a Kyle Morton walk.

The Tigers would add two runs in the third off a hit and fielding error. The score was now 4-1 and the Gents found their swing in the bottom of the fourth. James hit a single RBI to get the gents within two.

Grambling switched their pitcher and the Gents then put on a hitting clinic for the Tigers. James and Schaffert scored on the two-RBI rip to knot things

at four, leaving two runners in scoring position.

Craig Littleman gave Centenary its first lead with a single down the left line, scoring Martinez, who reached after being hit by a pitch. Lazarou scored on Matt Creamer's RBI sacrifice fly to end the big inning, leaving Centenary with a 6-4 edge.

The Division I powerhouse would threaten the lead in the fifth inning, but with the bases loaded the Tigers only scored one run.

Grady Flournoy's relief work helped the Gents escape that situation. Flournoy celebrated the 10-month anniversary of having Tommy John surgery by tossing 1/3 of shut-out work, allowing no hits.

Kyle "Moose" Morton put the nail in the coffin with a two-run homer in the eighth, driving in Ryan Gasporra to give the Gents an 11-7 edge before Grambling's lone ninth-inning run finished the scoring at 11-8. The Gents again proved their dominance in the diamond knocking off another Division I school.

This past weekend, the Gents traveled to Louisiana College riding on a five game winning streak.

Game one against LC was a breeze with Lance Nugent on the mound for the Gents. Senior Nugent improved to 4-0 with another impressive outing, tossing 7 1/3 innings of four-hit

ball, giving up the lone run. Taylor Henry tossed the final 1 2/3 shutout innings, surrendering just one hit.

The offense showed up once again led by Senior Jeff Schaffert. Schaffert's 2-for-4, two-RBI performance led the Gents to a 4-1 victory over LC and a 4-1 record in American South-west Conference baseball.

Game two was an exciting game as the Gents pulled off a victory in the ninth inning. Grady Flournoy earned his first win of the season, tossing two innings. He surrendered just one run on two hits.

Cole Thompson picked up a no decision after 4 2/3 innings of work. He scattered seven hits and gave up two runs, both earned. Nic Parrott and Taylor Henry combined for 2 1/3 innings of relief work.

The two teams were tied going into the ninth until Lazarou flexed his muscles and led off with a solo home run, catapulting the Gents to a three-run frame, scoring six of their seven runs off Cole Prejean in the last three innings. Only two were earned due to two Wildcat errors. The Gents got the win with (7-5)

The Gents face Louisiana Tech once again this week and hope to carry on their supremacy over division I schools.

First Week of Tournament Filled with Bracket Busters

Christian Prince
Staff Writer

Speechless. The single word that will describe many people after this first week of March Madness. After this week, many fantasy brackets will be utterly shattered.

Thursday things seemed to go as planned with wins by powerhouse Kentucky and Syracuse, even though the UNC-Ashville game gave them a scare with only losing by seven. Four upsets worth noting did occur.

VCU a #12 seed defeated #5 Wichita State, while #6 UNLV was defeated by #11 Colorado in the South.

Over in the Midwest #5 Temple was defeated by #12 South Florida who had earned their spot in the tournament earlier in the week over California, and #6 San

Diego State was beaten by #11 North Carolina State.

While the upsets Thursday were slightly surprising, they were nothing compared to Friday's results. Two #2 seeds were knocked out of the tournament in the South and West region by #15 seed teams.

The first major upset came when #2 Missouri was defeated in the last minute by #15 Norfolk State. With 2.6 seconds remaining in the game, Missouri had the ball near half court on the Norfolk State side.

The inbound was fumbled by the Tigers but they managed to get the ball across half court and get a shot off that was no good, leading Norfolk St. to being only the 5th team in NCAA history to knock off a #2 seed.

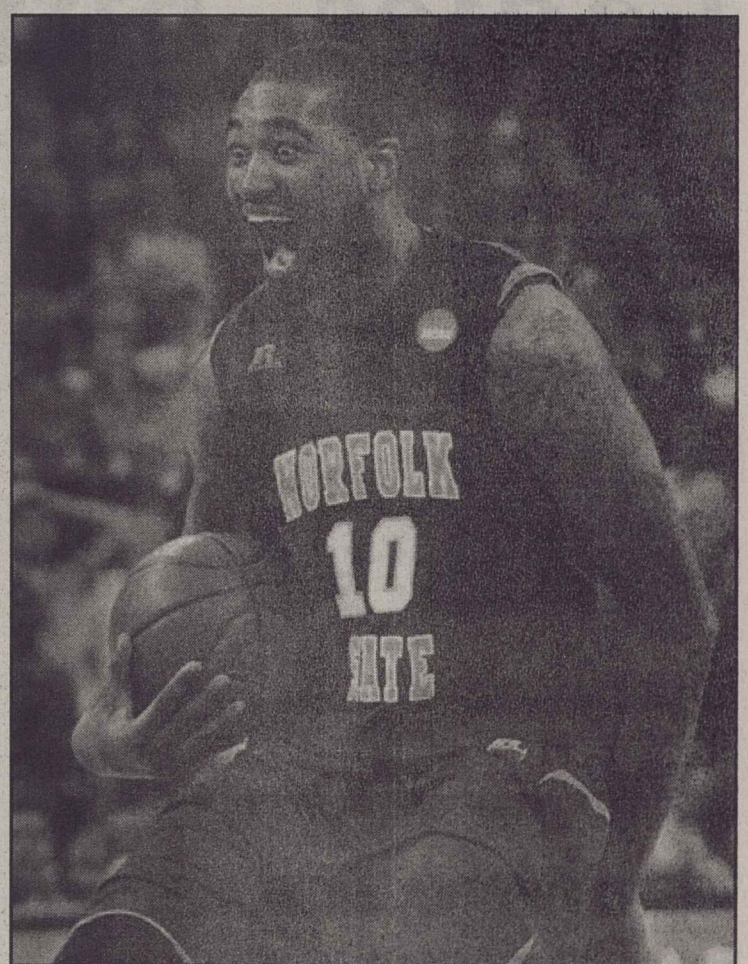
Right after that loss, the Duke vs. Lehigh game began.

While competition seemed neck and neck for the entire game Lehigh came away with a 5 point victory of the #2 seeded Blue Devils. This made Lehigh only the 6th team in history to do this.

This is the first time two #2 teams have ever been knocked out in the first round of play. The last time a #2 team was defeated in the first round was in 2001 when Hampton beat Iowa State.

Other results proceeded as expected with the top teams surviving the second round to advance to the Sweet 16. Currently all number one seeded teams are left while all 4 #5, #8, #9, #12, #14, #15, and #16 teams are out.

The Sweet 16 will continue to weed out more teams on March 22nd and 23rd, while this weekend the battle of the Elite 8 will occur.



Athlete of the Week: Meg Crowley



Steven Finley
Sport Editor

Meg
Sport:

Crowley
Gymnastics

Classification: Junior
Position: I compete vault, beam and floor
Hometown: Spring, Texas
Major: Biology

Favorite Color: neon colors
Favorite Sports Team: Cubs
Favorite Restaurant: Counter Culture
Favorite Musical Artist: depends on what I'm feeling
Favorite TV Show: How I Met Your Mother
Favorite Movie: The Little Mermaid
Hobbies: Reading and hanging out with friends
What do you plan on doing after graduation: Going to physical therapy school
People you look up to: My older brother and on the team I look up to Stephanie

When did you start playing or getting involved in your sport and why: My older brother was taking a class. What goes through your head as you prepare for every meet: I try not to think of it by having fun and supporting my teammates until it's my turn to compete
What is your most memorable moment in your career: Traveling to Alaska
What is your most favorite thing about your sport: My favorite thing about my sport is flipping through the air and it's my favorite because for a

moment I'm almost flying
If you could sum up your life in one song what would it be: Daylight by Matt&Kim doesn't really sum up my life just makes me happy to listen to
What advice would you give younger athletes in your sport: Keep working hard and make everyday and every turn count
Name three things you own that describe you: my laptop, kindle, and peanut butter
What is your most over used word or phrase: ummm

SPORTS

Ladies' flight troubles don't stop them from winning



Rachel Grinnell
Staff Writer

The Ladies golf team flew out of Little Rock, Arkansas on March 10 to go to the Taylor-Made Adidas Intercollegiate Classic in Dataw, SC.

They landed in Charleston only to be disappointed that they were about 250 pounds short on luggage because their clubs didn't make it onto their connecting flight.

While their coach was finding out about the club situation Kylee Goldthorn set up a manicure station at the baggage claim and painted her nails to pass the time. "What do you call a golf team

without clubs....a vacation" was a joke that Kyndal Rose came up with to take their minds off the situation.

When they arrived in Dataw they met the families that were going to house them for the tournament. To the team's surprise their clubs were waiting for them at the gate on Saturday night. After a long day of traveling and losing two hours due to the east coast and daylight savings time they were exhausted.

On Monday temperatures rose to 75 degrees with minimal wind. After the Ladies finished 18 holes in perfect golf conditions, they came to find that they were in first place

by 51 shots with a score of 356.

Four of their five players were in the top four spots after day one. Monday afternoon after they were done playing they spent some time at Hunting Island which is right on the Atlantic Ocean.

After having another perfect day on Tuesday the final results were posted and the Ladies won the tournament. They claimed the title by 104 shots and shot 701 as a team.

Not only did they win as a team but they also had four of their players in the top five spots. Justine Kemp won the tournament with a 173, followed by Sarah Bradshaw

and Rachel Grinnell in a tie for second with a 174, and Kyndal Rose in fourth place with a 180.

There were a total of 28 girls with four other teams and three individuals. The other schools were Ohio Wesleyan who hosted the event, Savannah State University, College of Wooster, and Nazareth College.

The flight home went a little bit smoother and after a two hour flight delay in Atlanta, GA the Ladies made it back to Shreveport; all clubs, luggage, and trophies were safe and sound.

Manicurist Kylee Goldthorn said, "It's a lot of fun being able to travel

around and experience new places with your teammates."

Sarah Bradshaw really enjoyed the experience. "The course was beautiful being right near the water. We had great sunny weather which was a blessing; we had so much fun in a new place and didn't let a minute go to waste. Winning was the icing on the cake to the wonderful time I had," she said.

The Gents golf team was in Portland, OR for a tournament from March 15-19 and the Ladies and Gents will be hosting the Centenary Hal Sutton Invitational on March 26-27 at StoneBridge Golf Course in Bossier City, LA.

Ladies hitting their stride

Stephanie Wright
Staff Writer

The Ladies had an unforgettable performance Saturday night during their senior night at the Gold dome recording their second highest team all around of the year, a 192.825.

They competed against the University of Kentucky, NCAA team ranked number 24 in the nation, who earned a 195.875.

Head Coach Jackie Fain says, "It was another great night for Centenary gymnastics. It was a wonderful way to send the seniors out. Things are really coming together and we're hitting our stride now."

Starting on vault the ladies had a strong warm-up with some promising upgrades. Junior Amanda Holt has successfully returned from an injury and posted another 9.750, matching her performance from last weekend.

The highlight of the vault

line up came from sophomore Robyn Price, who was able to twist her vault and had a beautiful landing, earning her a score of 9.825, a new career high, making her the top finisher on vault.

The ladies also successfully topped last weekend's previous season high team event total, with this weekend's 48.575. Sophomore Tawnee Hadd posted a new season best with a 9.550, as did Juniors Jessica Lieblich (9.650) and Meg Crowley (9.625).

Next on the uneven bars the Ladies showed some fight for their routines, not giving up even if they had to change or tweak some things in their routines at the last minute.

Their determination paid off because they also topped last weekend's team event total, making this weekend's 48.025 their new season team event high.

The top performances coming from Junior Jessica Lieblich posting a new season high of a 9.7, which was



closely followed by Senior Stephanie Wright's 9.675. Junior Christy Martinez also had a determined performance, which lead to a posted new season high of a 9.600.

Next up on the balance beam the Ladies started off a little shaky, but quickly pulled it back together when experienced Ciara Maradiaga earned a 9.775, followed by Lieblich's 9.675, which was closely followed by Price's 9.650, a new career high.

After beam the Ladies were determined to finish the meet on the most "showy" of all of the events, floor. This is where the Ladies shine,

they don't hold back their tumbling, they have beautiful leaps, and they really have fun with their dance.

The top performances came from both Lieblich and Senior Melody Smith both posting a 9.725, a new season high for Smith. The solid Junior, Meg Crowley posting a 9.700 closely followed this. A nice surprise for the floor lineup came from Sophomore Ciara Maradiaga, who posted a 9.675, a new career high.

In the all around results both Jessica Lieblich and Robyn Price tied, each earning a 38.750, a new career high for Price.

When asked about the performance tonight Coach Fain had a few thoughts, "We had a few things to battle through tonight and they fought hard through everything. I'm so proud and excited. We are where we need to be for this point of the season. We're ready to complete next week."

The Ladies return to action this Saturday March 24, in Chicago Illinois for their Conference Championships. After the competition the eighth place team's position in the rankings for nationals will be locked in. Good Luck Ladies!!

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

March
23

Baseball
Mar. 23
Univ. of the Ozarks
Shehee Stadium
6:00 p.m.

Softball
Mar. 23
LeTourneau
at Longview, Texas
6:00 p.m.

March
24

Gymnastics
Mar. 24
Midwest
Independent
Conference
Championships
at Chicago, Ill.
5:00 p.m.

Baseball
Mar. 24
Univ. of the
Ozarks
Shehee Stadium
4:00 p.m.

March
26

Golf
Men and
Women's
Mar. 26 -
Mar. 27
Hal Sutton
Intercollegiate
GC at Stone-
Bridge - Bossier
City, La.
TBA

Lacrosse
Mar. 24
SFA
Mayo Field
3:00 p.m.

March
27

Tennis
Men's
Mar. 27
ETBU
at Marshall,
Texas
3:00 p.m.

Tennis
Women's
Mar. 27
ETBU
at Marshall,
Texas
TBA

SPORTS

Ladies Make Strides During Busy Week



Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

About one month into the season and eleven games already in the books, the Ladies have yet to host a game at home this year. Rain-outs have been the cause of that, with a double header against Millsaps being postponed twice this year. This led to the Ladies having seven games this week, playing three on the road Tuesday and Wednes-

day; and finally hosting games with two apiece on Thursday and Saturday. The Ladies struggled on the road the first half of the week falling in all three road games. Their opponent for two of those games was ranked #20 Louisiana College. The Ladies competed hard in both games, but ended up falling 10-1 and 4-0. They fell the next day to LSU Alexandria 10-2. There was no rest for the weary as they would have to play a third

straight day in a makeup double header against Millsaps. The third time turned out to be a charm for the Centenary Ladies as sunny days finally showed up at the Centenary Softball Complex. The Ladies were able to play their first home games. Game 1 also marked the Ladies first win of the season with a 6-3 final. This game was close throughout the contest but a big moment happened in the 5th inning. Up 2-1, the

Ladies had a chance to escape the inning ahead but a timely hit by Millsaps put the visiting Tigers up 3-2. The Ladies could have folded and gone quiet after that but instead came back in the bottom of the inning piecing together some timely hits to take the lead back. They added an insurance run in the 6th and pitcher Lynsi Unruh battled out of a tight jam in the 7th to seal the deal. Unruh got the win to improve to 1-5 and gave up only three runs while striking out two batters in the entirety of the game. The freshmen made big contributions at the plate as Keya Brandon had a solid 3-for-4 performance, Cadie Hancock knocked the go-ahead run in with a double. Junior Lauren Swift kept the rally going with a single to extend the Ladies' advantage to 5-3. Game 2 was also close. The Ladies found themselves in a hole early as the Lady Tigers were up 5-1 after three innings. The Ladies responded with a big inning of their own to plate three runs and cut the lead to 5-4. Junior Jessica McDonald scored on a wild pitch to tie the game at 5-5 after four innings. Millsaps got the final blow with a five run fifth inning. The La-

dies got three runs after that but would fall short 10-8. On Saturday the Ladies looked to continue Thursday's momentum at home. However, a tough day at the plate and on the field in game one led to a loss. However, Game 2 was much more exciting. Senior Reggie Salvatore got the start and was a workhorse for the Ladies allowing only three runs through in the first seven innings. She kept her team in the game and gave the offense a chance but they weren't able to come through despite a few opportunities. Cadie Hancock struck out on a pitch that the catcher had dropped. It was still a fairly routine play as a throw to the first baseman would have ended the game. The first baseman bobbled the ball and Cadie was called safe. Lauren would reach on another error driving in Senior Kayln Harris to tie the game. Pinch runner Jenny King was thrown out on the same play and would have been the game winning run. Instead it went to extras and UT-Dallas would win in 9 innings 6-3. Reggie hurled a complete game scattering 13 hits and allowing 6 runs. Nichole Warren had a perfect day at the plate going 4-for-4.

Race for the Title: Intramural Softball

Christian Prince
Staff Writer

The second week of a three week softball season has come to a close. Through fighting another rain-out and killer mosquitoes, all the teams have continued to battle for a top spot in the coming week's playoff series. Monday night's games were postponed due to inclement weather over the weekend. Wet grass and mud were not safe conditions for the athletes to compete in. Game resumed Tuesday night in the muggy, humid air. The temperature was not the only thing the competitors had to battle. Mosquitoes were rampant on Jones Rice, eating everything in sight. Somehow the athletes put on brave faces and quite a bit of OFF and played ball. Tuesday night began with a matchup of ZTA vs. Women's Soccer. Women's Soccer came away with the win to further increase their winning record and to give

ZTA their second loss of the season. Following the ladies game Kekambas and TKE played. With roughly 30 seconds to spare TKE had just enough players to start the game. It seemed as if they were doomed from the beginning, because as the game began Kekambas broke out the thunder sticks and crushed TKE. After the TKE loss, Women's Swimming and Basketball played. The Basketball team struggled with pitching and finding their rhythm, walking many batters that eventually lead to many runs. Swim came away with their first win of the season. Wednesday night started off with a Theta Chi forfeit to TKE, technically giving TKE their first win of the season. A ladies game followed, consisting of Chi-O and Women's Soccer. These two teams were both undefeated till this point. Chi-O struggled with pitching and couldn't seem

to find a strike zone, giving Soccer countless runs as well as the win. The night ended with a severe Sig beating by Kekambas. Thursday night reworked postponed games that lead to yet another Theta Chi forfeit due to lack of players. ZTA and Women's Swim then

played, giving the ZTA's another win to split their season record so far. The Sigs wrapped up the night with a win against TKE. Playoffs week is next and the standings are as follows: Kekambas: 3-0 Sig: 2-1-2 Men's Basketball: 2-1-0

TKE: 1-3
Theta Chi: 0-4

Women's Soccer: 4-0
Chi-O: 2-1
ZTA: 2-2
Women's Swim: 1-3
Women's Basketball: 0-3

Student Resource Center



Subjects	Tutors	Day and Times
Accounting	Andrea Violet	Sunday 9-11pm
		Tuesday 9-10pm
		Thursday 9-10pm
Biology	Samantha Gray	Monday 2:15-4pm
		Wednesday 5-7pm
		Matthew Ursua Sunday 5-6:30pm
Chemistry	Charles Madden	Tuesday 11-12pm
		Wednesday 7-9pm
		Sunday 3-5pm
Economics	Todd Lafarlette	Tuesday 11:30-12:30pm
		Wednesday 7-9pm
		Wednesday 7-9pm
Physics	Gerhard T. Funk	Thursday 7-10pm
Religious Studies	Lauren Rogers	Thursday 2-5pm
Sociology	Elizabeth Rosselli	Sunday 7-9pm
		Wednesday 7-9pm
		Sunday 9-10pm
Writing(English)	Corinne Cormier	Monday 3-5pm
		Wednesday 8-11pm
		Tuesday 10-11pm
	Wilborn Nobles	Thursday 7-9pm

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EXTRAS

Horoscopes

Daniel Proveaux

Aries- You will be surprised to find an ancient scroll posted through your door this week with a 3000 year old etching of yourself inside. You will realize that you are inside a paradox and that you should never listen to that stranger in five years time.

Taurus- The week may start well, but fall into sharp decline later on Saturday. You have recently received some equipment for which there was a manual. Please give this manual a quick read so as to avoid problems later.

Gemini- Love is like a big joke where the punch line doesn't make any sense, because even after your friends explain it to you it still won't make any sense. But it'll happen and it'll make you feel pretty good about

yourself. We're not quite sure what it is, or what it has to do with you today...but it definitely features. If you don't like orange - don't panic!

Cancer- If you feel happy today, try to create something that reflects that happiness. When you put your mind to it, you can be one hell of a person.

Leo- Everything positive that could possibly happen to you is waiting around the corner. This week will reverse any setbacks you've had recently. The long and winding road will not necessarily lead you to Paul McCartney. Which really should be a good thing, other than the fact that the man's got millions and could make you into an international superstar.

Virgo- When in danger, you have a tendency

to run away quickly. Harness that ability today as you'll need it sometime around 4pm. Your subconscious may decide to rebel against you today and force you to re-member everything you had managed to block out. Things are going to come to a head today and either go well, go badly, or go...kinda...OK.

Libra- The merry dance that you've been led on during the last few months is finally going to come to an end. Sure, you'll be dizzy as hell but finding out what's being going on and why a certain someone has been treating you the way they have, will suddenly become clear. And clarity's good, right? Even if you're dizzy, clarity's good.

Scorpio- Laugh, cry,

laugh, cry. This week is going to be a very merry roundabout of feelings but by Friday you'll realize that it's all been for the best. Speaking of which, good news will come from a stranger who will predict a mixture of happiness and sadness that will resolve itself by the end of the week.

Sagittarius- You may hear odds of 3 to 1 ringing in your ears today as you step up to ask someone a romantic question. However, when you come-round from a swift bash on the nose, you will realise that actually someone is counting out "3-2-1" in a mock Boxing Referee's voice whilst the rest of the people around you are laughing heartily.

Capricorn- Branching out into the world of love may bring you a tangy mixture of pain and happiness. As will branching

out into the break-neck world of off-road rally driving. We're not sure why this is relevant to you but we're assured that it is.

Aquarius- A master plan is forming inside your head and you'll be ready to put it into action any day now. The tension between you and a co-worker may ease today as you suddenly realize you have other stronger ties.

Pisces- "Shout, shout, and let it all out"; a rhyming message which can really help you out today. Satan may seem like a real life figure, but Satan is just a figment of your imagination brought on by the incredible amount of evil you see in your father's eyes. A few minor changes to your driving style allow you to feel like you're a better driver, but actually it's just making your behavior quite erratic.

Answers: Issue Seventeen

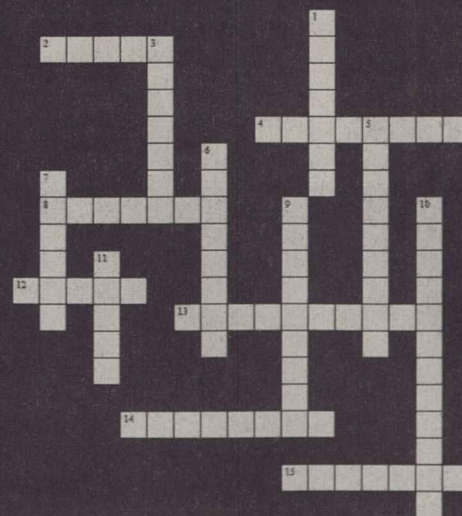
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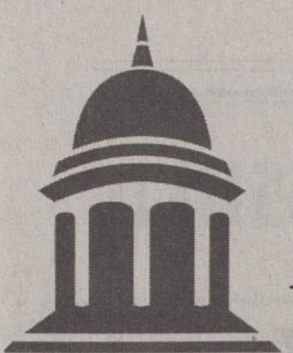


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- 2 Can manipulate weather.
4 Transform entire body into metal.
8 Optic blasts from eyes.
12 Optic blasts from hands.
13 Unstoppable force. Powers from Gem of Cyttorak.
14 Telepathy and Telekinesis. Sometimes host of The Phoenix Force.
15 Manipulate his vocal chords to generate hypersonic frequencies.

DOWN

- 1 Ability to project pyrotechnic energy, fireworks.
3 Master of magnetism.
5 Intangibility.
6 Shape-shifter.
7 Can turn into, create, and manipulate ice.
9 Adamantium skeleton and claws.
10 Teleportation.
11 Absorb the memories and powers of others.



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Centenary's Upcoming Residence Life Changes



Andrea Violet
News Editor

With the many changes happening around Centenary's campus this spring, it is becoming all too easy to listen to campus hearsay and lose the actual facts of the policies that are changing.

The only relevant change to current Centenary students is the requirement of students who wish to live off campus in the fall of 2012 (and those who have previously resided off campus) to fill out an online housing form. This is not an involved form, and only takes about one to two minutes to complete.

Students wanting to live on campus in the fall of 2012 (including those who have previously resided on campus) must return a squatter/joiner form, or must enter the room lottery.

The Residence Life policies that are changing are not affecting current students because those classes have been "grandfathered" into the Residence Life policies that were in place when they arrived at Centenary.

The policy system that governs the current student body requires that students live on campus, with the exceptions being: living at home with a parent or guardian, being a senior or 21 years of age, living in a fraternity house, being married, divorced, or having a child.

Incoming students, who will be entering during the fall of 2012, are being told that the senior exception to moving off campus will no longer be an option to them, and the age requirement to be able to move off campus will increase to 23.

They will be "grandfathered" into this system. They will be aware of these requirements as they enter Centenary, and will retain

these same requirements throughout their time at Centenary.

Beginning in the fall of 2013, all new residence life stipulations will be enforced. Incoming students, entering in the fall of 2013, will be required to live on campus all four years.

The only remaining exceptions will be: those who are eligible and choose to live in a fraternity house, those who are twenty-three years of age or older, and those who are married or have a child.

To this point, the campus alcohol policy has not been discussed.

Input from students could help influence the future route that housing policies take. At some point in

the future, with the new policies, our campus will reach full capacity.

Student opinion can help influence the decision of whether to relax housing policies to compensate for capacity, or if new campus housing should be attained or developed.

These new housing policies help in the attainment of a higher retention rate within the student body and the goal of improving both the minds and the character of students who graduate from Centenary.

According to Montgomery Mewers, Director of Residence Life, "The historic character of this school and many other excellent peer institutions, in research, all suggest that a student body

that lives on campus gets intentional and centered benefits from having the on-campus experience."

"All other ACS schools that require their students to live on campus are larger and have better retention. It gives us a model to work toward, but it's not necessarily achieved by specifically changing housing," said Mark Miller, Dean of Students. This model will not be achieved solely by a change in residence life policies, but will be instrumental in the achievement of this model.

The residence life policies, in addition to the recruitment strategies, tuition changes, and updates of the curriculum will be a part of an overall transformation that will work towards the end goal of the institution.

"Those who believe in Centenary and the Centenary experience want the institution to be around for a long time, so some of the hard decisions that are being made now have that (goal) in mind," said Betsy Eaves, Vice President for Student Development.

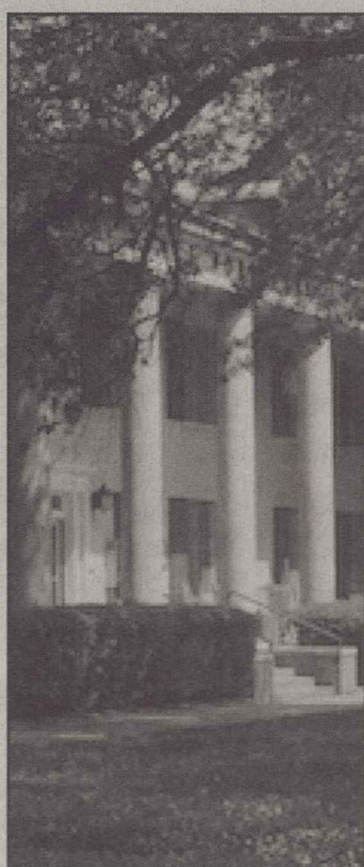
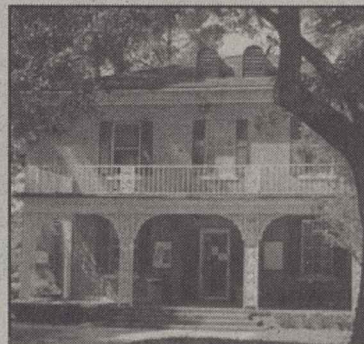
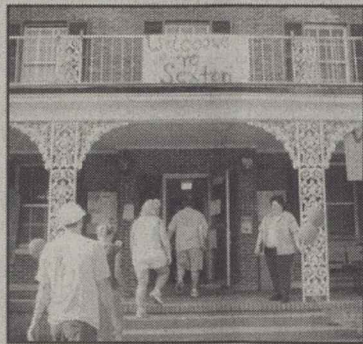
The main issue arising from these new policies, however, is the simple fact of now being required to spend money on housing and a meal plan.

The resulting debate is this: What is worth more to you as a student: to gain a priceless education and life experience or to come out of your undergraduate education with less student loans?

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Letter from the Editor: “Helping Hands.”

Ashley Lynch
Editor in Chief

I let two Big Events slip by before finally mustering the resolve to get involved.

Once my junior year rolled around, I made sure my name was on the registration list, not letting the fact that the year's event fell on my birthday deter me from helping out.

Even a request as tedious as removing wallpaper and painting walls at a local community house became an event full of fun, laughter, and relationship-building. A group of people that I was familiar with teamed up with the Centenary faculty and students of “Team Math,” as well as some local high school students who had come over to pitch in -- all of whom proved to be a hilarious bunch of people that I might not have met or spent time with otherwise.

We worked through the challenges of the morning and celebrated afterward. Having to wake up at 8am

on a Saturday seemed completely forgotten by the time lunch rolled around.

Big Event 5 was no different; the event plopped me in to a group with faces both new and old. We pulled on our gloves, dug in to the dirt, and started dragging up weeds. We sang, we chatted, we planted, and even taught each other a few gardening tips in the process. The finished product? A re-done garden in a local park that commemorates the fifth year of this event in our community.

The Big Event doesn't deter me, now. It's something that I wasn't ready to take on during my first years here, but it has made a lasting impression on my commitment to the local community since -- I'll definitely be participating in every event to come, for as long as I'm in the area.

Maybe you should give it a try, too, if you haven't yet. You might find that it has the same effect.

IN OUR NEXT ISSUE:

MONEY MATTERS

Learn how some students earn a little extra cash.

WET OR DRY?

Taking a look at the alcohol policies for our campus.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Hear how some seniors are tackling their final semester

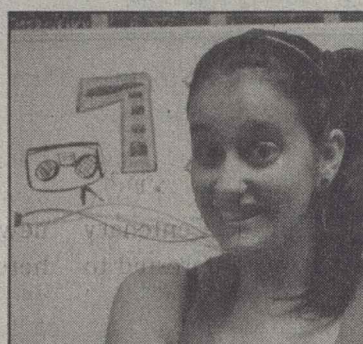
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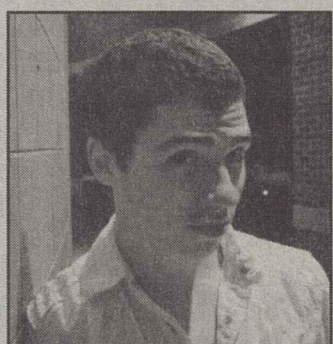
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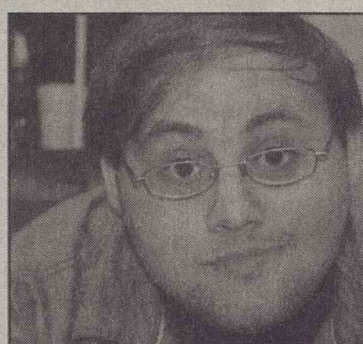
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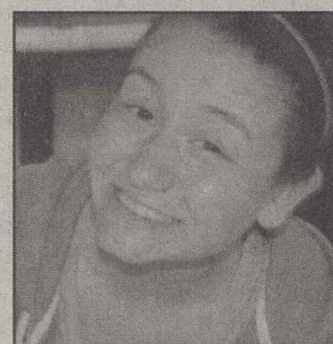
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Marquette LaForest,
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“Koontz”
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“Giraffe.”
Ali Becerra,
Sophomore



“Pickin’”
Faith Willhitte,
Sophomore

UPs & DOWNS

Centenary App

Providing a functional, efficient App that's easy on the eyes? Thumbs up, Centenary.

Spring is here/Easter break

The flowers are blooming. The bunnies are hopping. Almost time for another break!

Big Event

5th Year was a success! Way to go, everyone who helped out!

Sunscreen

More sun = more sunscreen = more awkward sunscreen applications & more gross sunscreen smell.

Mosquitoes

West Nile, anyone?

Hazing

Seriously, people? Not cool.

Fitness Center Classes

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7:00 am	-	-	Yoga	-
7:15 am	-	Total Body	-	Total Body
11:15 am	-	ABS	-	ABS
Noon	Pilates	Yoga	Pilates	Yoga
4:35 pm	-	-	-	-
5:00 pm	-	-	Boot Camp	-
5:30 pm	-	Cycling	-	Turbo Kick
6:00 pm	Zumba-	Zumba-		

Fall Hours

Mon-Thu: 6am - 10pm

Fri: 6am - 6pm

Sat: Noon - 6pm

Sun: 2pm - 6pm

Pool Hours

Mon-Fri: 11am - 2pm

Mon Night: 8pm - 10pm

Wed Night: 6pm - 10pm

Sat & Sun: 2pm - 6pm

NEWS

International Spotlight: *Julie Nielsen*

Kayla Clemons
Staff Writer

Where are you from?
Aarhus in Denmark.

How old are you? 23

What is your major?
English/Communication

Why did you decide to come to Louisiana? My school has an agreement with Centenary, this was the most southern school, and Rasmus Sølund who was here last spring told me a lot of nice things about Centenary.

If you could move anywhere, where would it be and why? I would probably move somewhere warm and with easy access to the beach. I really love to travel, so the location could be anywhere in the southern hemisphere.

What are your hobbies?
In Denmark, I play soccer and hang out with my friends.

What are your favorite and least favorite things about Louisiana? My favorite thing would be the southern hospitality, everybody is so nice and helpful, which for me is a new thing that I had to get used to. Though, it really makes me want to be more open when I get back to Denmark.

My least favorite thing must be that I don't really can walk around anywhere around here. I miss being able to get to places without having a car.

Favorite English words? I like the use of "y'all". I will definitely use it when I get back and the slang in general, it sounds so funny.

What is the dumbest thing people have asked you or said to you since you have been in America? I met



a lady at the doctor's office who asked me where is was from, and I said Denmark. She thought it was a city so she asked me where that was and so I had to explain that it was actually the country. I actually don't think the Americans in general are

stupid or ignorant, some of them know a lot more of the European history than I do. At least here at Centenary people are very interested to hear about my country and how we do things differently in Denmark compared to here.

What are the best and hardest parts about being away from home? All the new friendships that I made here, I'm going to miss a lot of people when I go back to Denmark. I hope I can keep in touch with them all when I get back. It's also been

really interesting to try the American college experience, because it is so different from what I am used to.

Favorite food (or drink) you've had in Louisiana? That must be crawfish, I really liked that.

COUNTDOWN ² COMMENCEMENT

UPCOMING DATES

SENIOR CLASS MEETING #4 - Tuesday, April 17th
11:10 - 11:50 PM @Mickle Hall 114

SENIOR WEEK ACTIVITIES - April 30th - May 4th
Schedule online @centenary.edu/classof2012/week
(Includes Cap & Gown Pick-up Dates and Times)

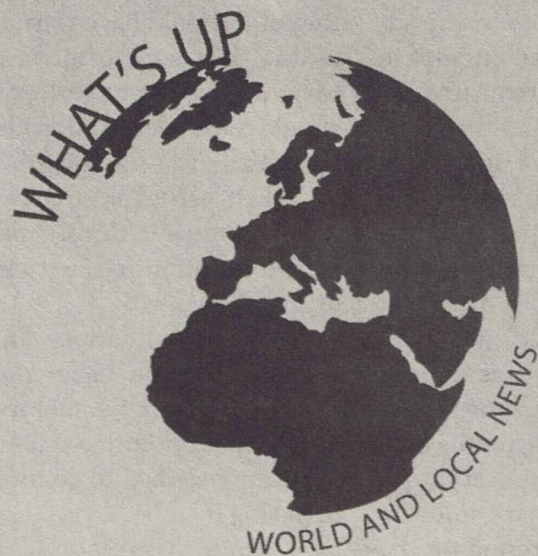
COMMENCEMENT PREVIEW - Friday, May 4th
10-11:30am @ Brown Chapel

COMMENCEMENT - Saturday, May 5th
10:30am @ Gold Dome

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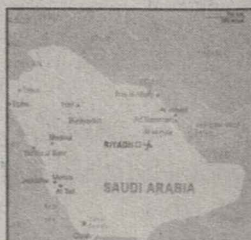
Meetings Sunday nights
3rd floor of the SUB

7pm



Fakhra Younus

Pakistani acid attack victim Fakhra Younus had endured more than three dozen surgeries over more than a decade to repair her severely damaged face and body when she finally decided life was no longer worth living.



Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia's deputy consul, Abdullah al-Khalidi, was kidnapped in Yemen's southern port city of Aden on Wednesday.



Total

Energy giant Total was trying Wednesday to contain a gas leak that forced the evacuation of a platform off the coast of Scotland.



Pakistan

Top U.S. and Pakistani military officials held face-to-face meetings in Islamabad on Wednesday in the first high-level talks since NATO airstrikes killed two dozen Pakistani soldiers in November.

NEWS

Big Event 5 a Big Success

Erika Lunsford
Staff Writer

"In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is the power to do it."

Spiritual activist Marianne Williamson couldn't have put it in better words. Serving the community involves much more than a group of people working.

Community service takes a goal, hard work, drive, determination, and a group of motivated individuals who care about more than the individual being.

Every year for the past five years, the Centenary community has banded together and done just that in serving the Highland Community.

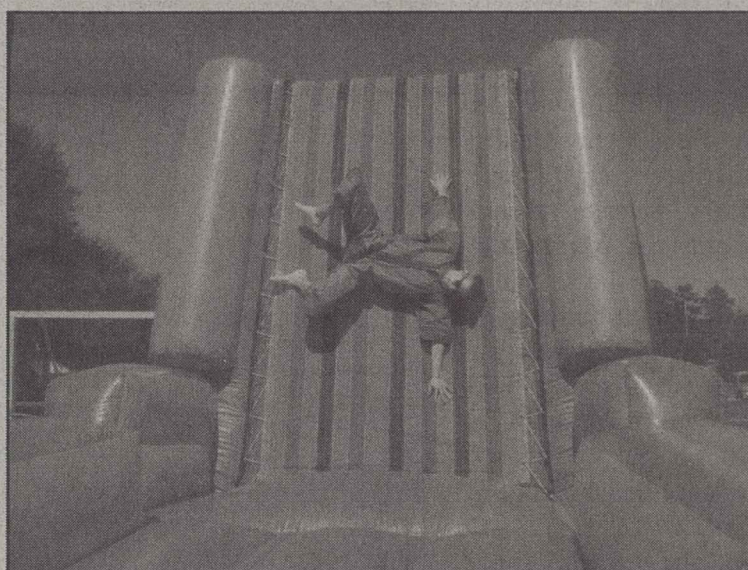
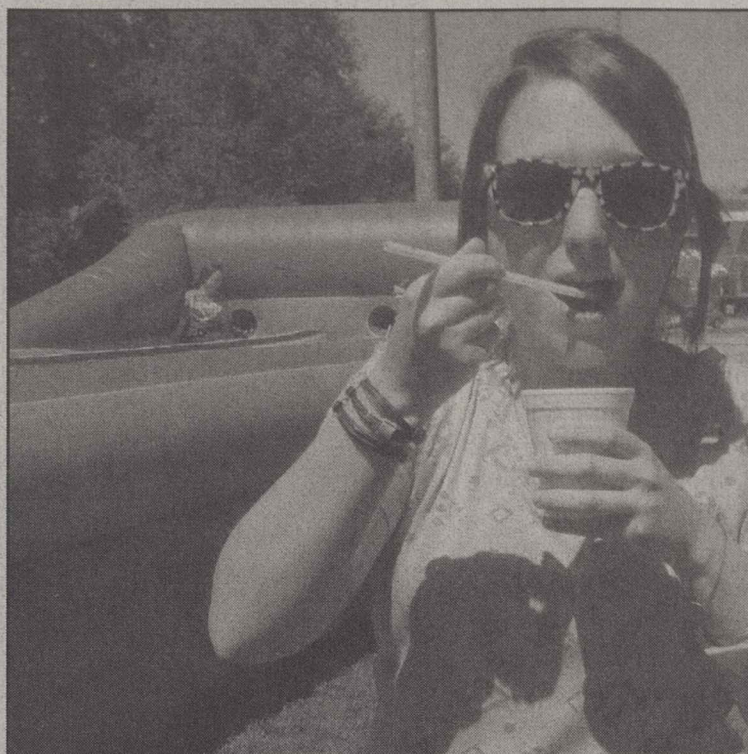
March 24 boasted the Big Event 5, and this year has been by far the best one.

A large number of Centenary students signed up to participate in the event, and there were nearly 30 teams sent out to different work sites. Activities included exterior home improvements, like painting and window washing; basic landscaping, like yard work and gardening; and inside services, such as cleaning.

Each team succeeded in completing their designated tasks, and after everyone returned to campus, a carnival



Left: Junior Taylor Sparks, Junior Jordan Ring, and Senior Phyllis Hafer work together to help renew a garden in local Columbia Park that will commemorate the fifth year of The Big Event at Centenary College. Top Right: Junior Krista McKinney enjoys a sno-cone at the carnival that followed The Big Event. Bottom Right: Freshman Hinton Foster defies gravity on the Big Event carnival's Velcro wall.



Photos by Ashley Lynch/Conglomerate

was waiting to reward the students for all their hard work. The carnival had in-

flatable games, a dunk booth, and great food.

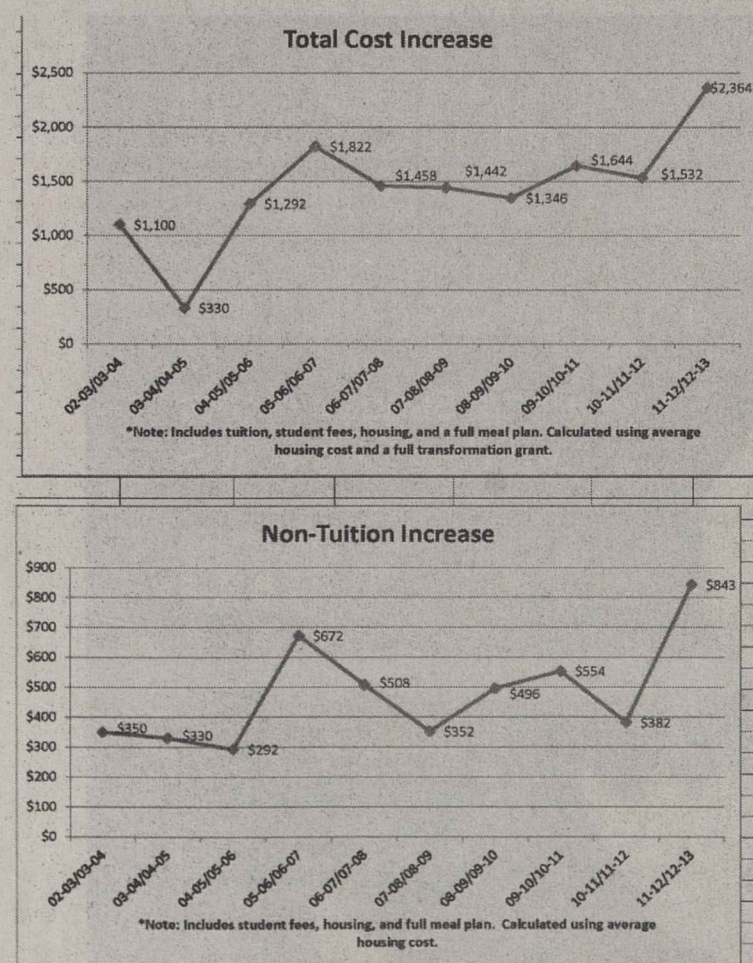
Overall, the Big Event 5

was a huge success in beautifying the surrounding Highland area and presenting stu-

dents with the opportunity to give back to their community.

Centenary Math: Hidden Numbers

Extra costs that students might not realize they're paying



Above: Graphs created and provided by Taylor Atkinson.

Taylor Atkinson
Staff Writer
Opinion/Editorial

I've read the letters, scrutinized the emails, attended the forum, personally posed questions to the administration, and read the interview with Dr. Rowe. Yet, I believe that there are several issues regarding the tuition hike that still need to be addressed.

The new "simplified cost" doesn't make things simpler.

I believe that it does the opposite; it complicates things. It makes it harder to know where my money is going and how much I'm paying for something.

Before the forum, I suspected that the "simplified cost" was hiding fees that we were not paying before. This suspicion was confirmed at the forum. We are all paying for everyone else's lab fees, health fees, etc.

Does this make it cheaper for the majority of students? How much am I pay-

ing for someone else's lab? Where does all of this money end up? I can't answer these questions with a dumbed-down cost.

It was really not that difficult before: there was a breakdown of the costs and then a grand total at the bottom. Rolling the tuition and fees all into one number does not change the size of the loan I'll have to take out in order to pay it.

I also think that the breakdown of the cost presented at the forum is misleading. They presented the new "simplified" tuition, subtracted the transformation grant and student fees, and compared that to last year's tuition. This "apples to apples comparison" (as Dr. Rowe called it) has one major flaw. The student fees that they subtracted out are substantially higher (\$189 dollars higher, to be exact) than what we paid this past year.

While the resulting number does represent tuition, it does not accurately reflect the increase in what we'll actually be paying when it's time to send in the check.

It's basic algebra: you cannot subtract something from an equation that is not constant on both sides. If you compare the tuition the way the handouts from the forum do, the difference is \$1,521. If you compare the combined tuition and fees from this year to next, the difference is \$1,710.

Heck, since the cost of everything is increasing, why not look at THAT cost difference? That would be very accurate indicator of the cost increase, would it not? So, if I were to calculate the change in the cost of tuition (assuming a full transformation grant), averaged housing, student fees, and a full meal plan combined, it would come out to be \$2,364.

Compare that to the past ten years, which averaged an increase of \$1,329.56, and had a maximum of \$1,822.

Don't be fooled. Not all of that increase can be simply explained by the tuition hike. Take tuition out of the equation and you end up with an increase of \$843. Compare that to the past ten years, which averaged an increase of \$473.33, with a maximum of \$554.

Don't get me wrong. I do not believe that this misrepresentation is an elaborate scheme cooked up by the administration in an attempt to quell our fears about the tuition hike. Rather, I think it is a symptom of the underlying communication issues that exist between the students and the administration.

This change is huge, but the students did not hear about it until it was already done. As a small school, students expect a higher level of trust and communication.

I found that students who had been around for the major cuts were the most up-

set about all these changes. They feel as if their trust has been betrayed twice; they are not viewing it as an isolated incident, they are seeing it as a pattern. The student feedback that the transformation grant is requiring should have been called upon before the transformation grant was ever necessary.

If you ask for feedback, students will give it; but don't ask after, ask before. Prices change and checkbooks need to be balanced, but some forewarning was definitely in order.

The administration has addressed the lateness of this decision on the Tuition Forum Follow-up Facebook page; they claimed that since the board meeting that approved the tuition holds its meetings in late February, the student body could not have been notified sooner. Even if they were not able to tell us the exact tuition, they they still should have warned us that a dramatic increase was a potential outcome. We should have been informed that this was a possibility much earlier so that we could examine it, think about it, and question it at greater length.

With room lottery and class registration happening this very month, we had too little time to examine this issue before we had to commit to paying it.

NEWS

21st Century College Activism: Facebook Forums in Place of Picket Signs

Erika Lunsford
Staff Writer

Rallies. Sit-ins. Protests. These are only a few tools activists have used over the years, but are they disappearing? Are college students becoming less and less active in politics and world issues?

According to Fox News, college activism is nothing compared to the protests of the Baby Boomers in the 60s and 70s. In fact, students today are thought of as “apathetic” when it comes to current issues affecting them.

Are students really using their time to fight for change or are they too busy with their iPhones?

Students mobilized during the 2008 election, and according to political commentators, “They are passionate about public policy for what seems the first time in decades.”

Over the course of the last few decades, this would seem to be the case. Students seem to be less involved in politics, organizations, and equal rights movements.

For example, when was the last time students shut down a university’s administration in the name of a political movement?

Contrary to popular belief, those who think students simply don’t care are wrong, according to the experts—activists who lived through the height of the college activism movement in the 1960s.

Alan Haber, the first president of the radical ‘60s activism group, Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), says that students are just as active, if not more so than previous decades.

“Many more students are involved, many more organizations, many more issues, much more intelligence-wise,” said Haber.

Haber isn’t alone. Last spring, around this time of year, marked the 50th anniversary of the formation of SDS, a group that epitomizes



college activism in the U.S.

Many prominent activists from the ‘60s believe that college activism today is for bigger change, and it’s more capable and more successful than it was half a century ago.

So why aren’t there groups of students standing outside Hamilton Hall protesting the new tuition hike and class schedule changes? Why are no rallies or sit-ins staged? No signs posted? No fliers being handed out?

Because today is the age of social networking. Students can make a much larger impact on the issues at hand by using social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter.

Almost all students are

on social networking sites, and it can help rally together students that a group or organization doesn’t know (and possibly widen the movement beyond the college).

With issues such as women’s and LGBT rights, healthcare reform, human trafficking, drugs and alcohol, and so on, students are driven to be more involved in making changes.

For example, take the Tuition Forum held by Centenary’s student government. There were no rallies or marches to protest the changes administration is making in regards to tuition and class scheduling.

Instead, students got together and formed a

Facebook page to discuss the changes. They are firing up on Facebook and Twitter, spreading their message further than the tiny community of Centenary.

But what does all of this prove?

For one, students are more organized in their movements with social media sites. Also, students have to keep it clean (a big plus for those who fear retribution). And most importantly, they are savvy—they want to plan, lead, and organize instead of just man the barricade.

Social media helps them do all of these things and much more.

“Globalization isn’t a phrase,” Haber said, “because

community goes way beyond physical nearness.” Social media allows students to take their issues all across the globe, reaching those who were never dreamt of being reached before.

In the ‘60s, there were marches and protests. The ‘70s saw rallies and political movements. In today’s time, students have social media.

With social media, college activism can reach farther, be louder, and impact greater than any other method of activism.

So what has that changed since the ‘60s? According to Haber, “it’s changed everything.”

Greek Row: Sorority Fundraisers

Kayla Clemons
Staff Writer

The Greeks are hard at work raising money for various causes. This has been an incredibly successful fundraising semester for the Greek men and women, each with their own unique event.

The Chi Omegas raised \$650 with their Picnic Basket Auction two Saturdays ago on March 3. The auction was held “Gilmore Girl-style” with baskets full of food with varying themes. Each family was required to create a basket, which led to a total of 11 baskets averaging about \$60 a piece.

Along with this fundraiser, they also struck a deal with Orange Leaf and com-

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March 3rd @ 11:30 AM

pleted a two-day long fundraiser at both the Bossier and Shreveport locations. If a customer mentioned Centenary Chi Omegas, 15% of the sale would go to the Chi O’s,

earning them another \$328 leading to an approximate total of \$978!

Meanwhile, the ZTAs brought back the tradition of their Annual Think Pink

Golf Tournament. The tournament was on a Sunday, March 11, and had a total of 42 golfers registered.

Between the sponsorships of either \$100 per hole

or per item for the raffle and golfer participation at \$150 per person and \$90 for students/faculty, they raised \$4,900! Prizes went to longest drive, closest to the pin, and to the top three placing teams.

The best prize of all went to the person who made a hole in one. This lucky player won a Jeep Wrangler. Raffle prizes ranged from: paintings from Painting with a Twist to jewelry from McCarry’s to golfing and sporting needs.

Great work, ladies. The Chi Omega and ZTA Presidents are simply glowing with pride. Next week we will have the success stories of Sig Sale and Theta Chi’s Car Smash.

NEWS

In Defense of Obama-care



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The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act—the actual name of the bill which has become widely known as “Obamacare”—is not monolithic, but rather a set of diverse policies, many of which do not begin until 2014.

Most folks have serious misgivings about Affordable Care, especially one component of the bill: the individual mandate, discussed in detail below. The Supreme Court began deliberations on March 26 to determine whether the individual mandate violates the Constitution. By the time you read this article, the Court will likely have already issued its ruling. A recent ABC News/Washington Post poll finds that 67% of Americans would like to see the individual mandate overturned, and 52% oppose Affordable Care in general.

But what does healthcare reform really mean for you, your family, and your fellow Americans?

Insurers are now prohibited from issuing policies with lifetime caps on essen-

tial services, refusing policies to customers under the age of 19 with preexisting conditions, and dropping customers when they get sick. As well, dependents can now stay on their parents' plans until the reach the age of 26, an aspect of the bill which should be of great concern to students, especially during this period of dire underemployment.

In 2014 and later, however, some more serious policies take effect.

Insurers will be barred from refusing policies to, or charging higher prices for, individuals with preexisting conditions. They will also be barred from imposing annual caps on payments.

Individuals earning an income of up to 133% of the poverty line will become eligible for Medicaid, an important and major expansion of coverage during a time of record-high poverty.

Physicians' payments will become tied to output rather than quantity of care. Today, when you go to the doctor, he or she will likely try to run as many tests as possible on you—and thus charge you as many fees as possible. This is called a fee-for-service

system, and it is an incredibly bad idea. It incentivizes doctors to bog down patients with expensive services rather than seek to solve their health problems. Starting in 2015, the potential for greed will be reined in, and patients will become the focus again.

Health insurance exchanges will be established at the state level. Exchanges are basically organizations which pool customers together to empower them to secure lower prices.

The economics of exchanges is relatively simple. A large employer can command lower prices for health insurance because of their bargaining power. Individuals and small businesses, however, do not have that same bargaining power. No insurer is going to turn down the opportunity to take out policies for a company with thousands of employees, but a small business employing only a dozen people does not get that same advantage.

As soon as exchanges go into place, that inequality will end. Individuals will finally acquire the leverage to become competitive price-hunters, which will inevitably lower costs and improve

quality.

Finally, there is the individual mandate. Starting in 2014, a fine of either 1% of a person's income (or \$95, whichever number is higher) will be imposed on any American who does not buy health insurance. In 2016, this number will increase to \$695 or 2.5% percent of income, with a family cap of \$2,085.

The constitutional legality of requiring every American to buy health insurance has been challenged, but the opponents of Obamacare do not have a leg to stand on. Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Constitution authorizes Congress to “regulate Commerce . . . among the several States.” Health insurance is absolutely a trans-state industry and a major component of the American economy—healthcare spending hit an all-time high of 18.2% of GDP as of June 2011, according to the Altarum Institute—therefore, it is within Congress's power to subject it to regulation. Libertarians might hate this, but the Framers were not libertarians.

Requiring every American to buy health insurance is no more burdensome than requiring everyone to buy car insurance, and we do both for similar reasons. If someone does not have car insurance and they are involved in a collision with another car, they drive up the cost of fixing the other person's car by potentially being unable to contribute. As regards health insurance: people without insurance also drive up costs for everyone else—including people with insurance—because they are more likely to default on their medical payments and more likely to use expensive services like emergency rooms, because they cannot afford to visit a doctor before they are direly ill.

If everyone had insurance, doctors and hospitals

would not have to worry as much about not getting paid for their services, and so they would not have to charge as high a premium to cover their losses from patients who do not pay.

There is a precedent here. An individual mandate worked to expand coverage and keep costs down in Switzerland when it was imposed in the mid-'90s. Furthermore, the federal government has allocated funds to help small business and working Americans afford coverage during the transition period.

By the way, death panels do not exist. Affordable Care simply authorizes Medicare to cover end-of-life counseling, which is already on the books in several states, most prominently Oregon. End-of-life counseling is not as scary as it sounds. In an end-of-life counseling session with your doctor, you would simply hammer out with him or her exactly how it is that you would like to be treated in a morally gray situation where you might not want to be resuscitated, such as a persistent vegetative state. End-of-life counseling is not about killing your grandmother. It is about making sure that her doctors do what is right by her when the time comes to make hard decisions.

Affordable Care will not authorize a government takeover of hospitals or any other “socialist” intrusions. It is simply a set of regulations imposed on the health insurance industry to compel them to make patients, rather than profit, their focus. It is a good old-fashioned American capitalist solution working within existing markets to expand coverage and lower prices. Do not let corporations and their running-dogs frighten you into voting against your self-interests.

I, for one, look forward to 2014.

Alternative Fuels or Alternative Problems for Politicians?

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News Editor

On the subject of alternative fuels, both sides of the political spectrum are actually on the same page. Both feel there is a need for alternative fuels such as hydroelectric, nuclear, wind, solar, biofuels, etc. The difference comes in the methods and timing of their development.

The more liberal approach is to force the issue now with government subsidies, tax incentives, and government intervention on all levels to force the development as soon as possible. This has not proven to be very successful so far.

Examples include the hybrid Chevy Volt, a concept-turn-production car, meant by Chevrolet to be in development for many years, but government intervention pushed it out too soon. It has fallen far short of both sales and performance expectations and production has been shut down temporarily.

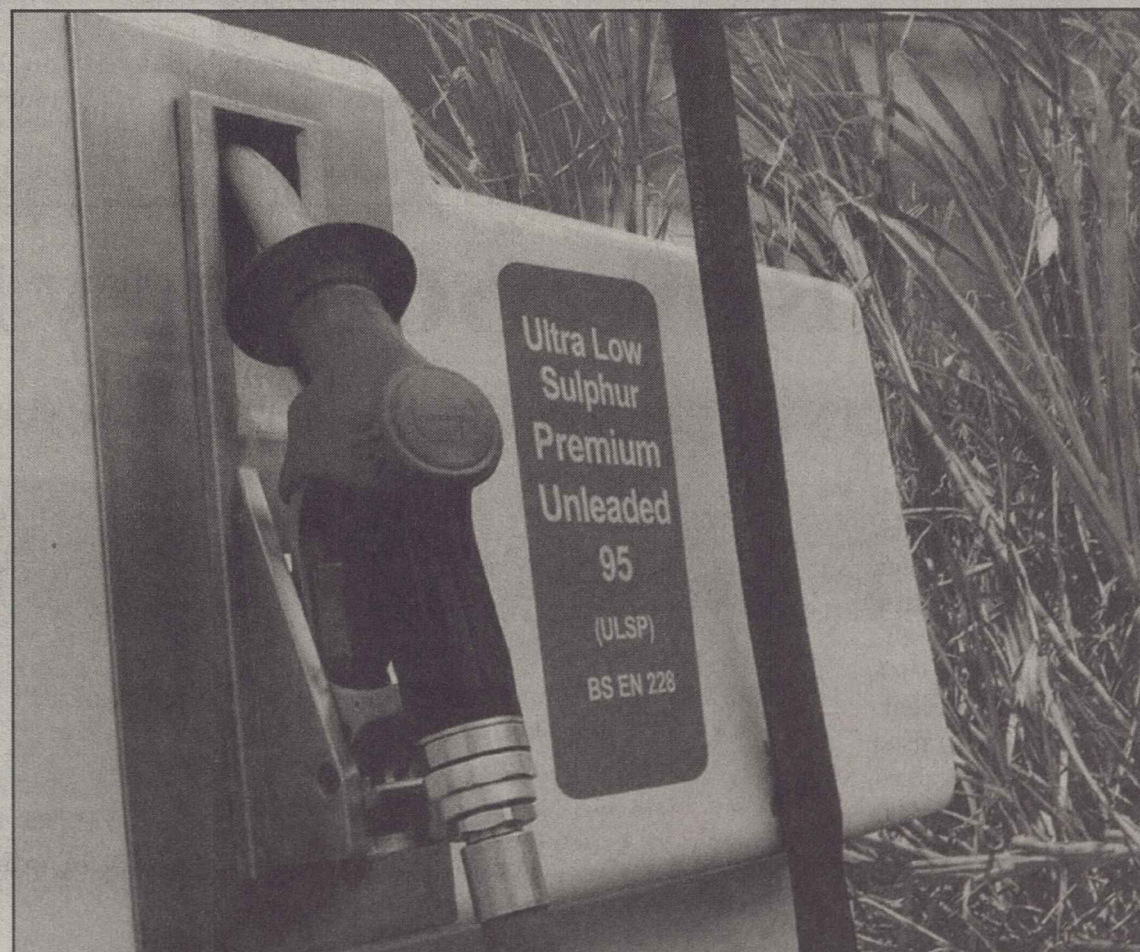
The other problem occurs when politicians are

involved there is always the question of favoritism, as has come up in the Solyndra solar company controversy. There is considerable evidence that the \$500 billion loan they got was given out despite the Energy Department knowing the company was not in good shape and that owners were known “bundlers” for the administration.

A conservative approach to alternative energies wants to involve the government in very minimal ways and allow the open market to develop the alternatives as they become commercially viable.

History has shown that when there is a profit motive, the ingenious among us step up in a big way, compete, and develop the most amazing products and it is felt that as it becomes economically viable they will do so again. The only problem with this approach is our dependence on foreign oil that keeps us at risk of sudden economic problems.

The conservatives want to develop all our energy resources to get us to an inde-



pendent energy position and give time for the alternatives to develop.

The administration has seemed to block all attempts to develop this energy independence, stating that it

will just keep us from ever developing the alternatives. However, their attempts to force the alternatives is not working and we remain in an untenable position in our dependence on foreign oil.

It would seem that both sides advocating an “all of the above” energy policy could put it in gear and at least do some of it to get us to a more stable energy position.

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A&E

E-rogenous Zone: How to be a better kisser



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Opinion/Editorial

Let's face it: there is much more to kissing than meets the lips. The perfect kiss is about comfort and connection.

In recent studies, researchers have discovered that the first kiss can determine the entire future of a relationship.

The study was performed by a researcher, Susan Hughes, at Albright College. Hughes discovered that "59% of men and 66% of women confessed they would end a relationship if the first kiss left something to be desired."

Those are big numbers. But what exactly happens when you kiss?

According to Dr. Laura Berman, "men and women both transmit chemical cues through their breath and saliva, which may alert their mate to their sexual psychology and reproductive status." So, the body sends signals through saliva and breath to your partner when kissing.

Most people rate their kissing on simple terms such as "Was it sloppy?" or "Did I use too much tongue?" Even things such as accidental biting or bad breath are considered when rating a smooch.

But Dr. Berman says there are a lot of things—like hormonal changes—that are out of the kisser's control.

If hormones are out of

our control, how do you ensure your kiss doesn't make your partner run for the hills?

There are a few simple tips you can follow to make sure your kissing is top-notch:

1. C h i l l !

Kissing is uncomfortable if you are. If you're relaxed, your partner will be relaxed as well, and kissing will be more enjoyable.

2. Keep pace.

If the kiss starts out close-mouthed, don't try to shove your tongue down your partner's throat! Pay attention to body language, and if you want to change pace, do it gradually. Rushing into it may lead to a feeling of "sloppy and unsatisfying."

3. Control your tongue.

Once again, no one likes

a tongue shoved down his/her throat! If you want to introduce a little tongue, do it lightly. Try things such as moving your tongue in a circular motion or mimic what your partner is doing if you don't know what to do.

4. Explore new horizons

Kissing isn't just for the mouth. Explore your partner's face—carefully. Don't bite or lick like an animal, but try nibbling on an earlobe or tugging gently on the bottom lip. And pay attention to body language to see what your partner likes.

5. Take care of those lips

Dry, cracked lips can interfere with kissing. Make sure you keep your lips soft and moisturized, but don't use sticky glosses, lipsticks, or lip balms as they can leave a goopy mess.

Also, there are a few mistakes that can make kisses go south fast. While you can't alter your hormones, here are a few mistakes that you should try to avoid:

1. C a u t i o n !

Slippery when wet.

Men like wetter kisses than women, but there is such a thing as too much juice. Try to keep moisture and tongue-action to a minimum if you tend to douse your partner in saliva. If your partner has to mop his/her face after a kiss, something went wrong.

2. Give kissing the

attention it deserves.

The Albright study found that while men place high priority on a woman's appearance, women tend to focus on their date's teeth and lips. So if you want to sweep your partner of his/her feet, pay a little extra attention to your smooching technique.

3. It's all about the timing.

Kissing after a fight might not be such a good idea, so keep "kissing to make up" at a minimum. Try to delay kissing for more appropriate timing.

Not only can kissing dictate the future of a relationship, it can also determine the happiness/satisfaction of a relationship. Long-term couples tend to throw kissing to the wayside, but that's a big no-no.

A good liplock can help reignite that spark or spice up a long-term relationship. If you find you've stopped kissing as much as you used to when the relationship was in the "honeymoon" phase, try engaging in at least one 10-second kiss a day to help get you back in the swing of things.

Kissing is a fun and spontaneous way of expressing your love, and it also can be very passionate, intimate, and romantic. So don't let your kissing suffer. Get out there and pucker up!

Movie Review: *Act of Valor*

Erika Lunsford
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"Act of Valor" is a film starring real Navy SEALs on a fictional mission to foil a terrorist plot. The 111-minute film delivers impressive combat scenes, but the full military cast leaves for shortcomings in the acting department.

The movie definitely blurs the line between reality and fiction by using real SEALs, but leaves the film only dramatically involved when the shooting—with real bullets, naturally—is underway.

SEALs have skyrocketed in popularity after their role in the death of Bin Laden, and the opportunity to have the genuine article on screen couldn't be passed up.

The film was originally intended as a kind of recruiting tool for the elite, covert combat unit. Under the direction of Mike McCoy and Scott Waugh, the movie morphed into an action-packed piece, but it still has a promotional feel to it

along with a healthy dose of reverential mythologizing.

The directors and cinematographer Shane Hurlburt spent 50 days split up over a two-year time frame filming the SEAL training exercises, and these men are outstandingly impressive in their environment.

The SEALs are only identified by first names due to security reasons, and the 8-member team exudes palpable presence and self-confidence at all times. Their non-verbal communication consists of nifty hand signals, while spoken words are kept to a minimum.

Viewers of the film see the remarkable, split-second nature of the SEAL operations and the gear and resources they have at their disposal. For example, helicopters drop boats onto inaccessible rivers and a nuclear submarine surface out of nowhere to meet a small boat in the middle of the ocean.

The impressiveness of the SEALs in action is un-

deniable, but it can't hide the fact that these warriors have no real acting skills. In instances of non-action in the movie, the SEALs can only go so far when dialogue is being recited.

Yes, the SEALs have enough charisma to spare, but their trade relies too heavily on intensely masculine comradeship.

Scenes that deal briefly with the SEALs' personal lives, such as the friendship between Lt. Cmdr. Rorke and Special Warfare Operator Chief Dave, showcase the lack of trained acting skill.

That's not to say the scenes aren't heartfelt and believable. The SEALs, who only spent an average of two months out of the year at home, deal with leaving their lives and families—potent ground to cover. But "Act of Valor" isn't equipped to do more than brush over these moments briefly.

The film is based on real SEAL situations, but the script (written by "300"

writer, Kurt Johnstad) takes what would be interesting and action-packed sequences and makes the plot nothing more than a generic, stereotypical 9/11esque situation.

The SEALs country-hop around the world trying to rescue kidnapped CIA agent Morales. Her rescue only signals the start of adventure for the team when they discover her kidnapper is connected with Abdul Shabal, a ruthless terrorist determined to drop bombs on U.S. cities.

The action culminates into a fiery, bullet-riddled, explosive climax that will leave the audience breathless. If only the fictional characters played by the SEALs were more cared for and sympathized by the viewers.

There are instances in the film that are heart-

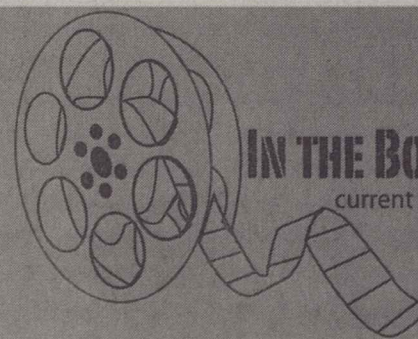
wrenching and tough to watch, but with more seasoned actors, the emotions could have been more real.

If you're looking for the next "Hurt Locker" or "Top Gun," don't be disappointed when "Act of Valor" doesn't deliver.

On a scale of 1-10, this film is a 6.5.

It's a great movie, and the action sequences are intense, riveting, and extremely exciting, but the lack of professional acting by using real Navy SEALs presents the film with its greatest strength and weakness.

However, watching the real and unreal play off one another like facets of a Picasso painting makes you ponder questions of illusion and reality in a way Demi Moore and Bruce Willis never did.



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SPORTS

Ladies Looking to find rhythm against ASC Foes



Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

It was another unusual week for the Ladies softball team. The Ladies had four

games scheduled this week, and got to play all of them due to the weather's cooperation.

The only change was that two home games were rescheduled and played on the road.

A home double header on Wednesday against UT-Tyler got rescheduled for the next day, making it on the road now. This game made-up for a previous rain-out this season against UT-Tyler on the road, so everything worked out and the home games will hopefully be played next month.

Forced to head on an unexpected road trip, the Ladies were already in a tough spot. UT-Tyler was ranked #8 in the country and is the third top 25 team the Ladies have faced this year. The Ladies have had tough competition in their league and specifically in their conference too.

UT-Tyler showed why they're top ranked as the Ladies fell in both games.

The Ladies had to play back-to-back days with a double-header the next day against LeTourneau. The Ladies came out in game one with their bats swinging and built an early lead. The Yellow Jackets responded and were able to tie the game in the fifth inning at four points.

The Ladies took the lead again in the sixth inning and would carry a 7-4 lead into the seventh. However, LeTourneau would have

a big inning and win 8-7.

Sophomore Nichole Warren, and Juniors Lindsay Sconce and Jessica McDonald each had two hits in this game. Senior Katelyn Harris and Junior Lauren Swift drove in two runs each to lead the offense.

Game two was a similar story. Once again, the Ladies offense used a three-run third to take a 3-1 lead. LeTourneau chipped away and eventually jumped up 5-4 in the fourth inning.

The Ladies tied it again at five apiece with a run in the top of the fifth. It was LeTourneau that finished on top with a run in the bottom of the fifth to take the lead for good and win 6-5.

Freshman Sierra Bailey took the loss but pitched the distance, giving up six runs, five earned.

The Ladies are still battling hard and will earn a well deserved week off before beginning a long series of home games. The Ladies open up a 14-game home stand on March 31st against East Texas Baptist at 1 p.m. at the Centenary Softball Complex.

Gents face weather problems in Oregon

Rachel Grinnell
Staff Writer

The Gents golf team made its way to Portland, Oregon for a 36 hole tournament from March 15-19. They experienced all types of bad weather for playing golf.

After a flight delay, the team made it to Portland only to find that it was really cold from the second they stepped off the plane. The team finished well, regardless of the temperature never passing 50 degrees.

The England native, Jamie Gibson said, "It was like playing back home. We had a bit of everything weather-wise from rain, sun, snow, wind, and hail. It was very different from Shreveport,

but overall I enjoyed the tournament, it was a nice course and a nice place to visit."

The other schools competing at the Pacific Invitational were used to playing in this weather, but the Gents adjusted well.

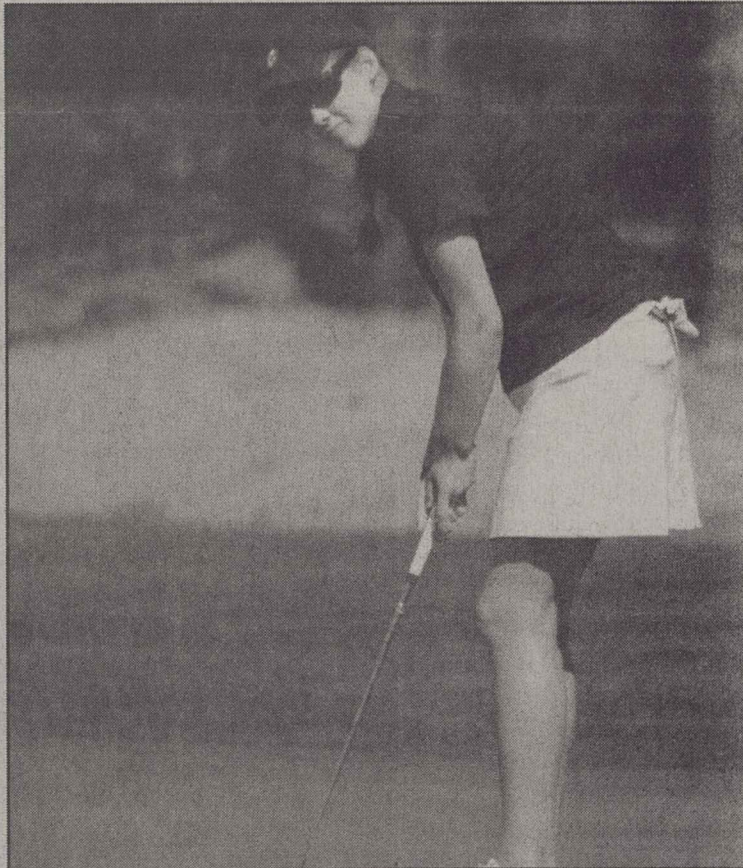
Jamie Gibson and Zander Winston both had top ten finishes while John Sidery finished in the top 20 in a field of 46 players. Gibson shot 147 only to miss the playoff by one shot and took home a third place individual finish. Winston shot 151 after improving his first round by three shots, Sidery fired a 158, followed by Jay Frazier with 165, and Andres Forese shooting a 175.

The team finished fourth out of eight teams with a team total of 621. Other teams at

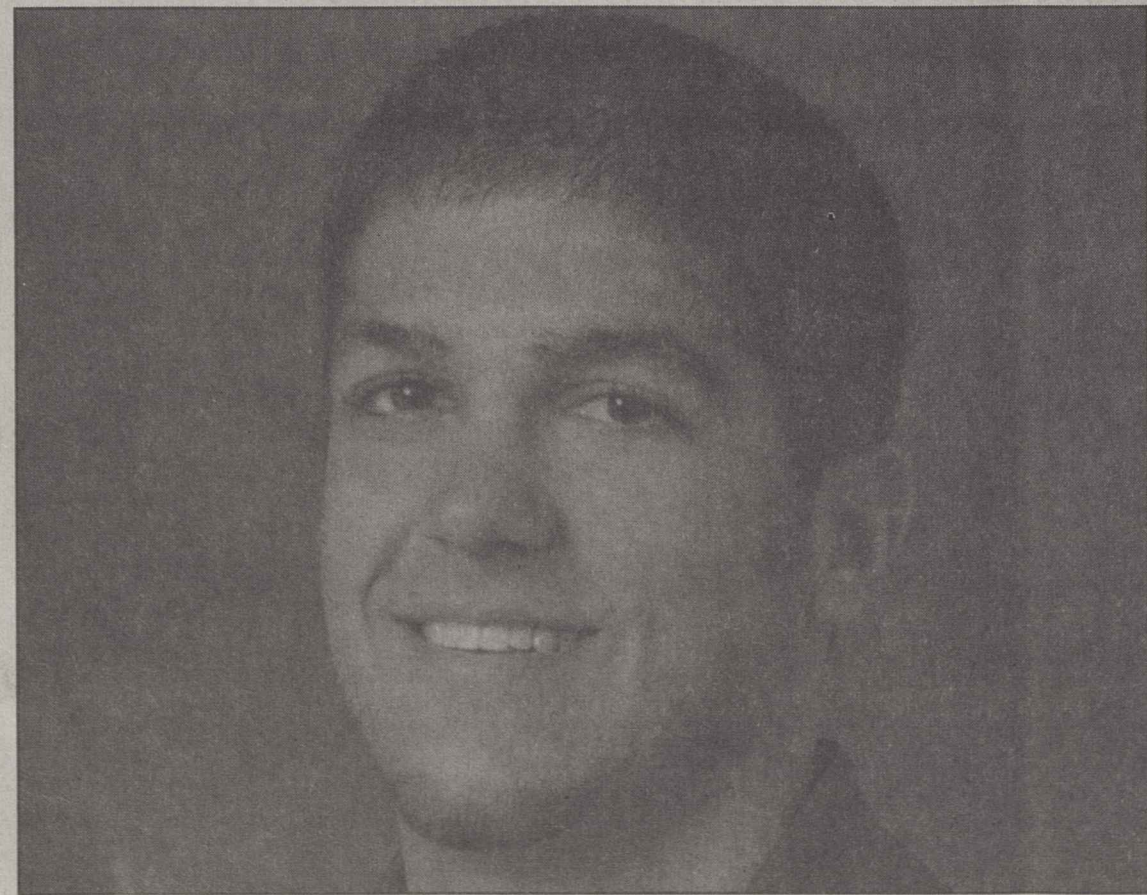
the tournament were Linfield College, Community College of Spokane, Puget Sound, Pacific University, George Fox, and Lewis and Clark.

Despite all the bad weather the Gents faced, John Sidery said, "Traveling around the country just to play golf is really cool, and our coach always reminds us that in the end it is all about having fun".

The Gents and Ladies hosted the Hal Sutton Invitational at StoneBridge Golf Course in Bossier City, LA on March 26-27. On April 2-3 the Ladies and Gents will be playing at Pinecrest Country Club in Longview, TX at the LeTourneau Invitational for their final rounds of the season.



Athlete of the Week: Matthew Creamer



Steven Finley
Sport Editor

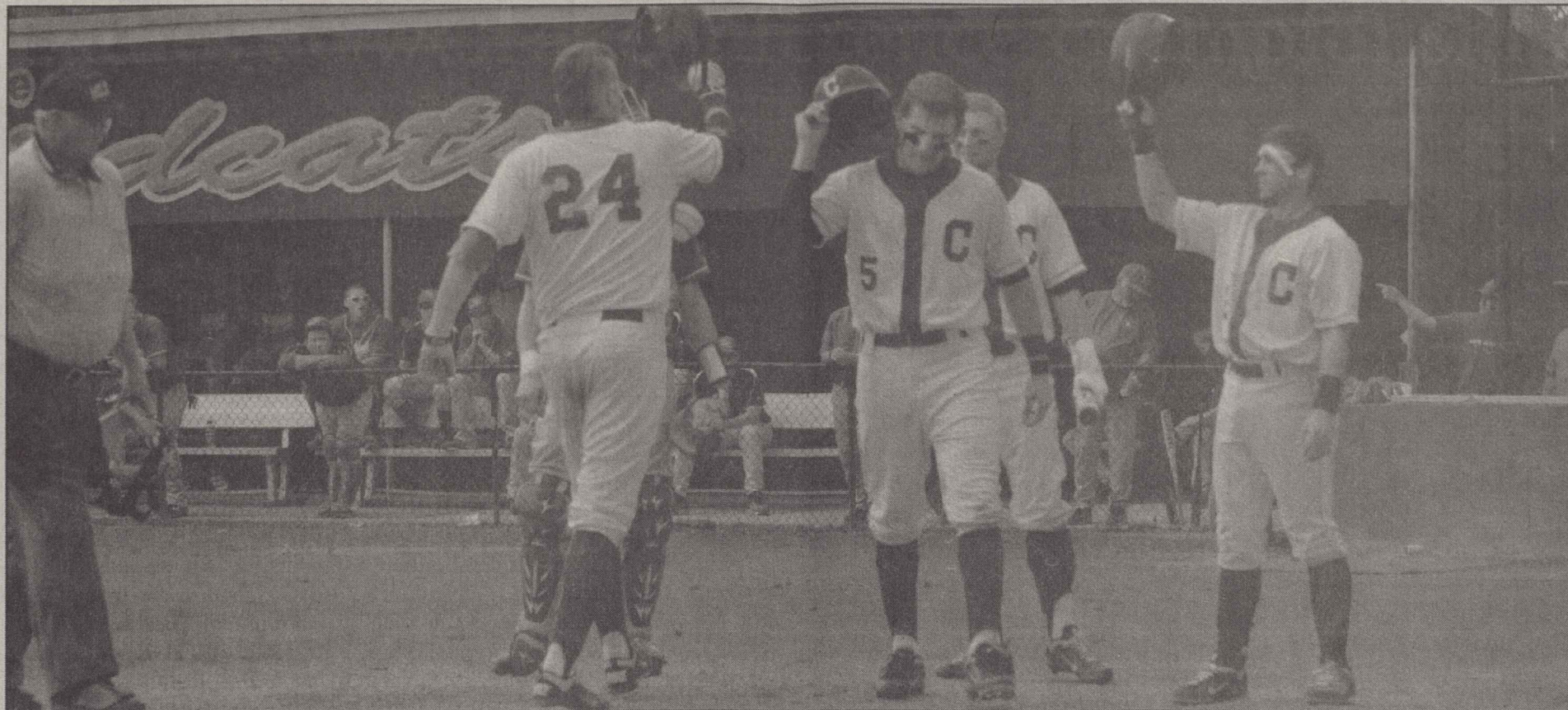
Sport: Baseball Hometown: Shreveport, LA
Classification: Junior Major: Biology
Position: Shortstop Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Sports Team: Atlanta Braves
Favorite Restaurant: Shogun
Favorite Musical Artist: Jason Aldean
Favorite TV Show: Baseball Tonight
Favorite Movie: 8 Seconds
Hobbies: Hunting, going to the lake, hanging out with friends
What do you plan on doing after graduation: Attending physical therapy school
People you look up to: My dad
When did you start playing or getting involved in your sport and why: I started playing when I was four and my dad played so he got me started
What goes through your head as you prepare for every game: I just try to relax
What is your most memorable moment in your career: I scored the game winning run against Gonzaga my freshman year and got tackled by all my teammates

What is your least favorite thing about your sport and what is your most favorite: my least favorite thing is practice and there are too many things I love about baseball that I can't just name one
If you could sum up your life in one song what would it be: It's My Life by Bon Jovi
What advice would you give younger athletes in your sport: Never let anyone tell you you can't do something
Name three things you own that describe you: My cross chain, my truck, and my movie collection
What is your most over used word or phrase: Got Heem
High School academic accomplishments, rewards or honors societies: National honor society, graduated #4 in my graduating class
High School sports accomplishments, rewards, and placements: Academic All State, First Team All-District

SPORTS

Gents on ASC Win Streak



Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

The Centenary Gents baseball team has been playing excellent baseball this year winning all of their games in the American Southwest Conference series. The Gents won two out of the three games against the University of the Ozarks, improving to 18-6 overall and 12-3 on ASC play.

Pitching stud Cole Thompson picked up his 4th win after another complete-game effort. Thompson only allowed one run and six hits for the seven inning game. He struck out a total of eight batters, only two shy of his season high against

McMurry State in the month of February.

Ryan Gasporra got the Gent's offense rolling with a line drive single to bring home the speedy Matt Creamer. Gasporra was able to get a steal and move around the bases to finally come home after Jeff Schaffert's RBI single to give the Gents a 2-0 lead.

The Gents would not look back with more offense to come. Kyle Morton and Schaffert were able to get on base to just come back home after Dan Lazarou belted a 2-RBI single. As the season has progressed, Lazarou has proven himself to be a great out-fielder and batter in many games.

Thompson kept the Eagles swinging and looking silly with his crafty pitches. The Eagles were able to sneak a run in the fourth inning but Thompson allowed no more in the contest. Schaffert and Jermari James brought home two more runs to finalize the game at 6-1.

The nightcap game would be close until the final innings. The Eagles were able to strike early and put up a run early in the game. However, Craig Littleman brought home Gasporra after a big double to tie things up.

The Eagles went right back to work and put up two more runs to give a 3-1 lead going into the fifth inning. Littleman responded with a

monstrous homerun to bring the Gents within one. Clakely and Morton were consistent with their bats and hit a few singles to bring Gasporra home to tie things up at three.

The pitchers would battle back and forth until the bottom of the seventh when the Gents looked to have things under control. The bases were loaded, but Nic Parrott was not able to capitalize on the situation and stranded three runners.

The Eagles had a huge five run ninth inning to extend a lead to 8-3. Morton hit his sixth homer of the season to bring it to 8-4 but the Gents were not able to come back.

Taylor Henry dropped to 2-2 on the year after tossing 2 2/3 innings, the third of four Gents pitchers. He allowed five runs on seven hits. Chase Clarke started the first 3 1/3 before being relieved by Grady Flournoy, who tossed 2 2/3 frames of three-hit ball. Clarke was pulled after giving up five hits and two runs.

The Gents return to action next weekend with a three-game series at Mississippi College before hosting UT-Tyler April 6-7 for a three-game set.

Ladies do well at conference championship

Stephanie Wright
Staff Writer

The Ladies had a successful meet this past weekend in Chicago, Illinois, posting their fourth highest score of the season, a 191.300, earning them fourth place at their Conference Championships just ahead of South East Missouri (SEMO) who posted a 191.225.

They have now increased their RQS score to a 191.335, which has allowed them to slip past the previous 8th place ranked Brown (191.100) and qualify to USAG Nationals. This is a huge accomplishment for the team, especially with all of the changes the school and program have gone through.

Nationals will be held in Bridgeport, CT this year and will be beginning on April 11 with the team qualifying sessions.

On day one, the eight teams will be divided into two sessions and the top two teams from each session will continue onto day two, which

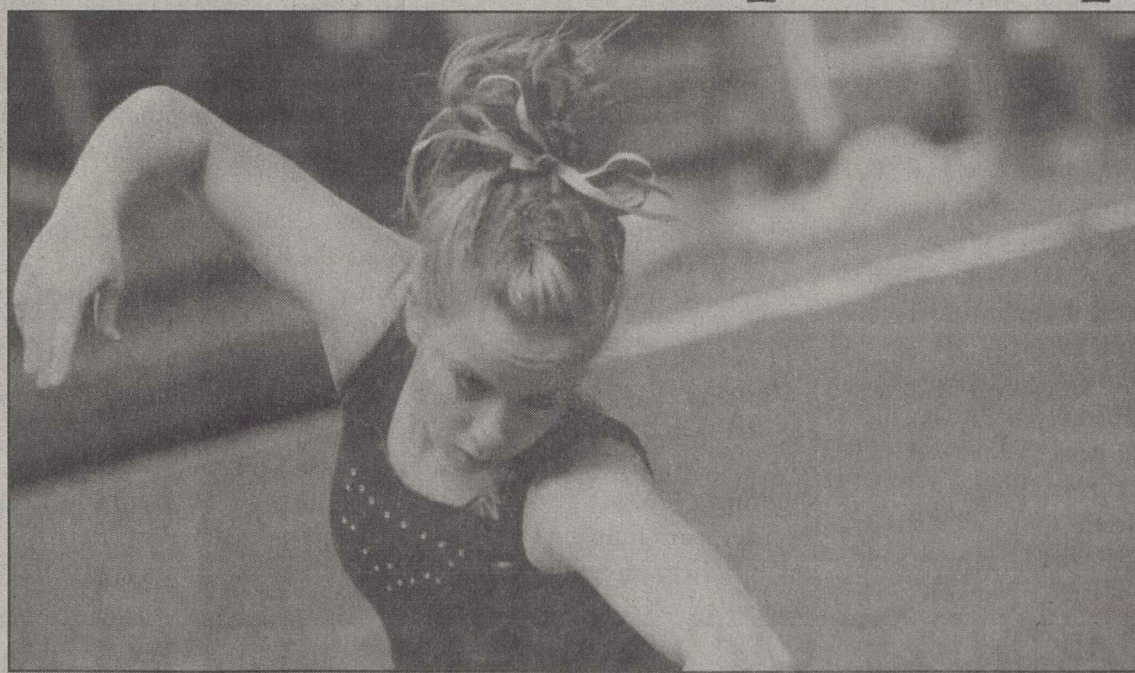
is team finals. The winner of the meet will be the National Champions.

On day three the gymnasts will compete individually for the all American title. The gymnasts that placed in the top 5 on their competitive events on day one will be all American and will then compete again for the top placements.

Participating nationals will be a long and exciting week for the gymnasts with a lot of opportunities.

This past weekend however the Ladies had 5 top 10 place finishes and Junior Jessica Lieblich successfully is the first alternate for the NCAA Division I Regionals in the All Around competition.

The Ladies began Conference starting on the floor exercise. Showing very consistent gymnastics the Ladies top two performances came from Junior Meg Crowley posting a 9.775, just shy of her career high, earning her 6th place in the competition and Sophomore Ciara Mara-



diaga. New to the floor line up Maradiaga had a strong performance earning her a 9.700.

Next on Vault the Ladies top performer came from 7th place finisher Junior Amanda Holt counting a 9.750, a tie with her previous career high. This was closely followed by Sophomore Robyn Price who posted a 9.700.

Up next on the Uneven Bars the Ladies were confident and ready to keep up

their good work. The top performances came from 5th place finisher Stephanie Wright, posting a 9.775, and Junior Jessica Lieblich posting a 9.700.

Finishing on the balance beam the Ladies needed to finish with a solid performance if they wanted to qualify for nationals, which they did. The highest scores coming from Junior Jessica Lieblich (9.525), and Sophomore Robyn Price (9.500).

In the All Around Sophomore Robyn Price had a solid score of a 38.450, which earned her 4th place in the competition, this was closely followed by Junior Jessica Lieblich's 38.275, which earned her 5th place.

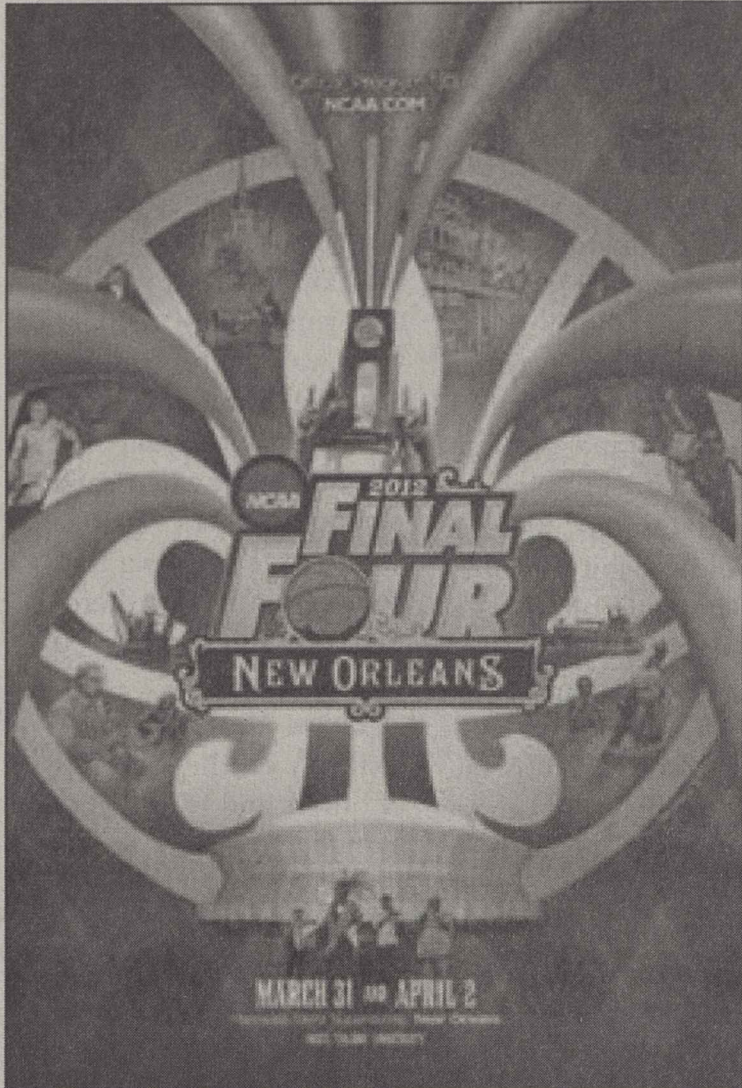
Look forward to hearing how the Ladies do at Nationals the week of April 9. They will have a few weeks to work hard in practice to have a great competition! Go LADIES!

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

March 30	March 31	April 2	April 3	April 5
 Tennis Men's Mar. 31 UL Lafayette Centenary Tennis Complex 2:00 p.m.	 Baseball Mar. 31 Mississippi College at Clinton, Miss. TBA	 Softball Mar. 31 ETBU Centenary Softball Complex 1:00 p.m.	 Softball Apr. 03 LeTourneau Centenary Softball Complex 4:00 p.m.	 Softball Apr. 05 Louisiana College Centenary Softball Complex 6:00 p.m.
 Tennis Women's Mar. 30 LSU-Shreveport Centenary Tennis Complex 2:00 p.m.	 Baseball Mar. 31 Mississippi College at Clinton, Miss. TBA	 Softball Mar. 31 ETBU Centenary Softball Complex 3:00 p.m.	 Softball Apr. 03 LeTourneau Centenary Softball Complex 6:00 p.m.	 Softball Apr. 05 Louisiana College Centenary Softball Complex 4:00 p.m.

SPORTS

Final Four decided



Christian Prince
Staff Writer

After two long weeks of history-making basketball, the 2012 March Madness Final Four has been named. After seeing upsets in the first two rounds, the

fight continued through rounds three and four.

In the South, Kentucky took on Indiana on Friday. Earlier in the season Indiana defeated Kentucky, being one of only two teams so far this season. Many Wildcat fans were amped up for the re-

match looking for revenge.

Kentucky seemed to deliver for fans defeating the Hoosiers 102-90. The Wildcats advanced to the Elite 8. Their competition was between the mighty Baylor Bears or Xavier.

Baylor jumped out to a quick lead which they were able to hold on to propelling them to a 75-70 victory over Xavier.

The showdown between Kentucky and Baylor to lock in a spot in the Final Four was a tough one. Yet, Kentucky prevailed giving them the final four bid in the South.

In the Midwest, #1 seed North Carolina took on #13 Ohio University. What was expected to be a breeze for North Carolina turned into a true nail-biter with Ohio taking the Tar Heels into overtime.

The Heels managed to pull together during the extra time of play and scraped a 73-65 victory over Ohio.

Then, #2 seed Kansas was in a back and forth competition with #11 North Carolina St. While the Jayhawks managed to squeak out a three point victory, it was quite a show for fans.

The battle of #1 vs. #2 took place Sunday night to

secure yet another Final Four spot. This time, the #2 seed came out on top with Kansas getting a 13 point win over the Tar Heels. Kansas will represent the Midwest.

In the West, Louisville and Michigan St. battled it out for a spot in the Elite 8. In what ended in a low scoring game, the Cardinals came away with the win 57-44.

This is the first time under Coach Izzo that Michigan St. has not reached the Final Four while having a #1 seed in the tournament.

To decide who played Louisville was between Florida and Marquette. Florida seemed to have no problem knocking out Marquette with a win by an easy 10 point margin.

Saturday seemed to shock the nation when Louisville and Florida battled it out for the West Final Four spot. As the game was winding down, Florida seemed to have a comfortable lead. Then Coach Rick Patino received a technical foul, for what seemed like yelling at his own player.

Later the ref that administered the foul said he gave it because coach Patino was out of the 10 foot coaching box. This seemed to fuel the

Cardinal spirit which put them on a run all the way to victory 72-68. The Cardinals will represent the West.

The East started off with what was almost an amazing upset for Wisconsin against Syracuse.

Wisconsin was down by one with 15 seconds on the clock. Rather than setting up a play and wisely using the clock, Wisconsin's point guard dribbled away the time on the clock and had to throw up a last second desperation shot. Naturally, the shot was off the mark.

The final score had Syracuse on top 64-63. The Cincinnati took on Ohio St. Ohio St. quickly showed their dominance on the floor and never looked back. The Buckeyes defeated the Bearcats 81-66.

The Elite 8 in the East provided another #1 and #2 seed showdown. Syracuse, who has had an up and down season was hoping to cap it off with a final four appearance and even NCAA win but was cut short by the Buckeyes who came away with the win 77-70. Ohio St. will represent the East in the Final Four.

The Championship game will be played on April 2nd in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Softball season gets into the swing of things

Christian Prince
Staff Writer

As March springs into action, so does intramural softball. As one of the biggest seasons at Centenary, softball is composed of 10 teams. 5 men's league teams and 5 women's league teams. Men's Basketball, Kappa Sigma, Theta Chi, TKE, and Kekambas (men's soccer) make up the men's league, while Chi-O, ZTA, Women's Basketball, Women's Soccer, and Women's Swimming make up the women's league.

The week started off with sunny skies and warm weather; perfect conditions for a little softball. Monday started off with Women's Soccer versus Women's Swimming. Both teams brought their A-game to the field, with soccer coming away with the win.

The next game featured Kekambas vs. Theta Chi. Kekambas had an easy victory over the fraternity. The final game of the night was a match-up between Chi-O and ZTA. It is the sorority rival that's been seen all year. Chi-O's softball skills prevailed, earning them a win over ZTA by only one run.

Tuesday night began with Women's Basketball and ZTA. ZTA redeemed themselves from the previous night and sadly run-ruled the basketball team with a 13-3 victory. The next game was Chi-O vs. Women's Swimming. The game stayed neck and neck till the final inning where a string of hits propelled Chi-O into the win. The final game featured Theta Chi and the Sigs. While the game started off

rather evenly, the Sigs found their stroke and gained ground defeating Theta Chi by a severe margin.

Wednesday night had Men's Basketball showing their dominating strength against TKE, Women's

Soccer's 5-3 win over Women's Basketball who couldn't put up any runs until the final innings, and Sig vs. Men's Basketball, after a long run ended in a tie.

Thursday's games were postponed to the following

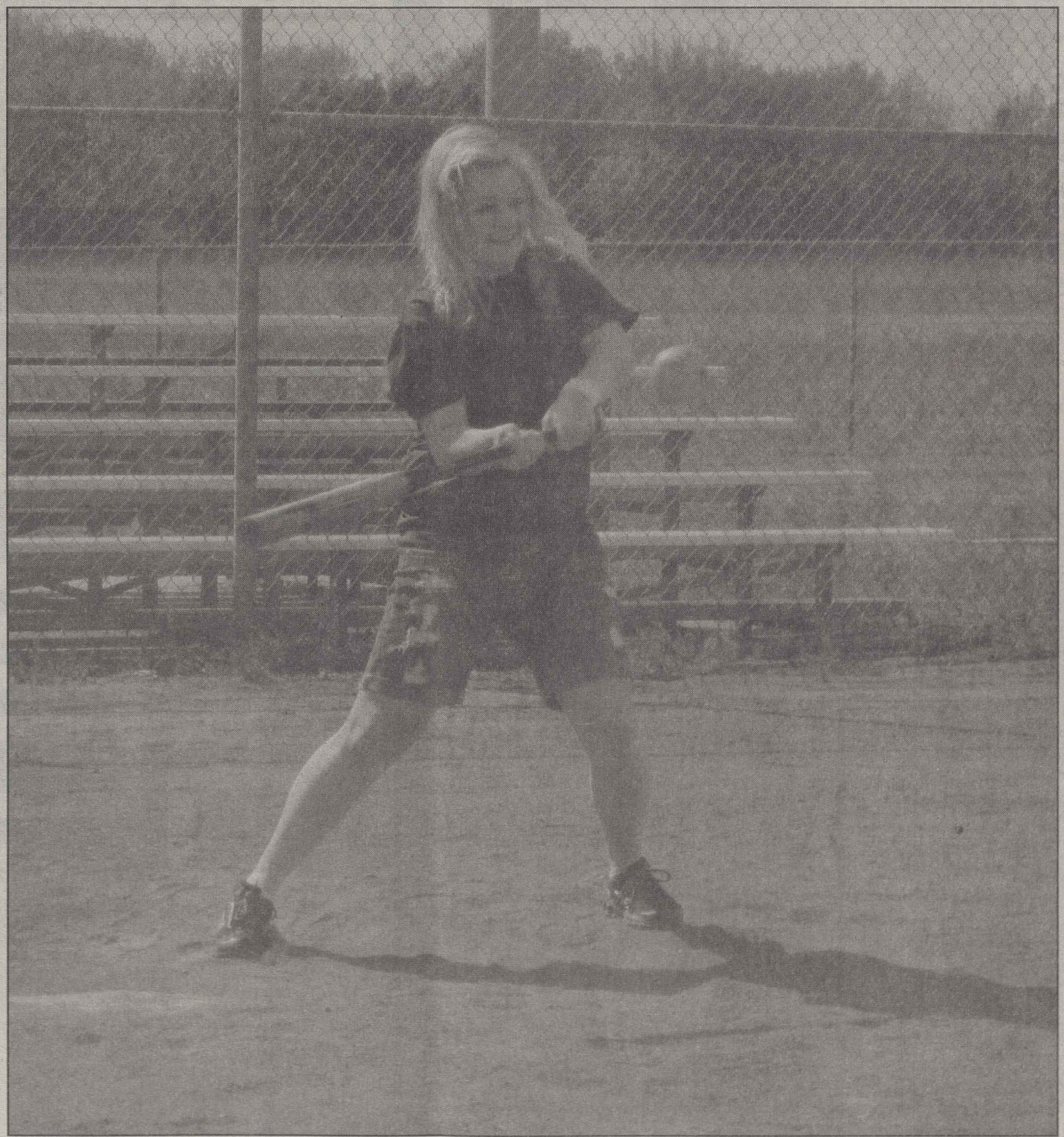
week due to rain.

Going into the second week of play team standings are as follows:

Kekambas: 1-0
Men's Basketball: 1-1-0
Sigs: 1-1-0
TKE: 0-1

Theta Chi: 0-2

Women's Soccer: 2-0
Chi-O: 2-0
ZTA: 1-1
Women's Swimming: 0-2
Women's Basketball: 0-2



EXTRAS

Horoscopes

Daniel Proveaux

Aries- You may start to question evolution today, and upon doing so you'll hopefully encounter a reason for your deserving the Darwin award. This will lead you to thinking more scientifically. Perhaps this means you should look into the medical field.

Taurus- Many of the solutions given to you in life make you feel like there's no hope. This is true. Position yourself well, for the revolution is almost here. Try to avoid being too close to walls. Your vision won't fail so long as you avoid sticking forks into your eyes.

Gemini- You may find inspiration in someone's choice of underwear today. Banter between two important people may sway you in your current ideas about progressing with your life.

Cancer- Loving care is something that people write on shampoo bottles. What you need is a passionate night. Your favorite romantic film is on this evening and you should try and persuade someone you've not previously had the courage to approach and watch it with him, or her. Then, mid-way through the movie, text the real person you are smitten with. You'll be amazed at the results. Jealousy works

Leo- The colors red and purple will mean a lot to you today as you're punched in the nose by someone you assumed was a potential mate. Football hasn't been known, historically, for bringing people together. Today may prove to be the exception to that rule as you'll fall in love with someone whose head looks very similar to a

football.

Virgo- Skeletons in your closet are a sign that you have an eventful life and are nothing to be embarrassed about. The chance for change has long since left you. Keep living your life they way you have been and don't change for everybody. The more skeletons, the more things to brag about and the more interesting you will be to other people.

Libra- Everyone wants what's best for you, in terms of reducing the amount of time you are allowed to show your face outside of your house. Crying over spilt milk may seem like a folly, but perhaps not if you've spilt piping hot milk over your naked body. You're as transparent as a blast of canned air - try to be

more complex by wearing hats that are clearly too small for your head.

Scorpio- Thinking and doing are two separate things. However, thinking about what you're doing is always a good idea. Try to remember this today when you're trying to tie your shoelace and stare at a friend's crotch. Teepees are a saucy place to hide out and contemplate making love.

Sagittarius- Spitting is a filthy habit and may put someone off you today. Instead of spitting you should attempt to siphon it out of your nose which is still a filthy habit, will definitely put someone off you, but at least you have an interesting story to tell for once.

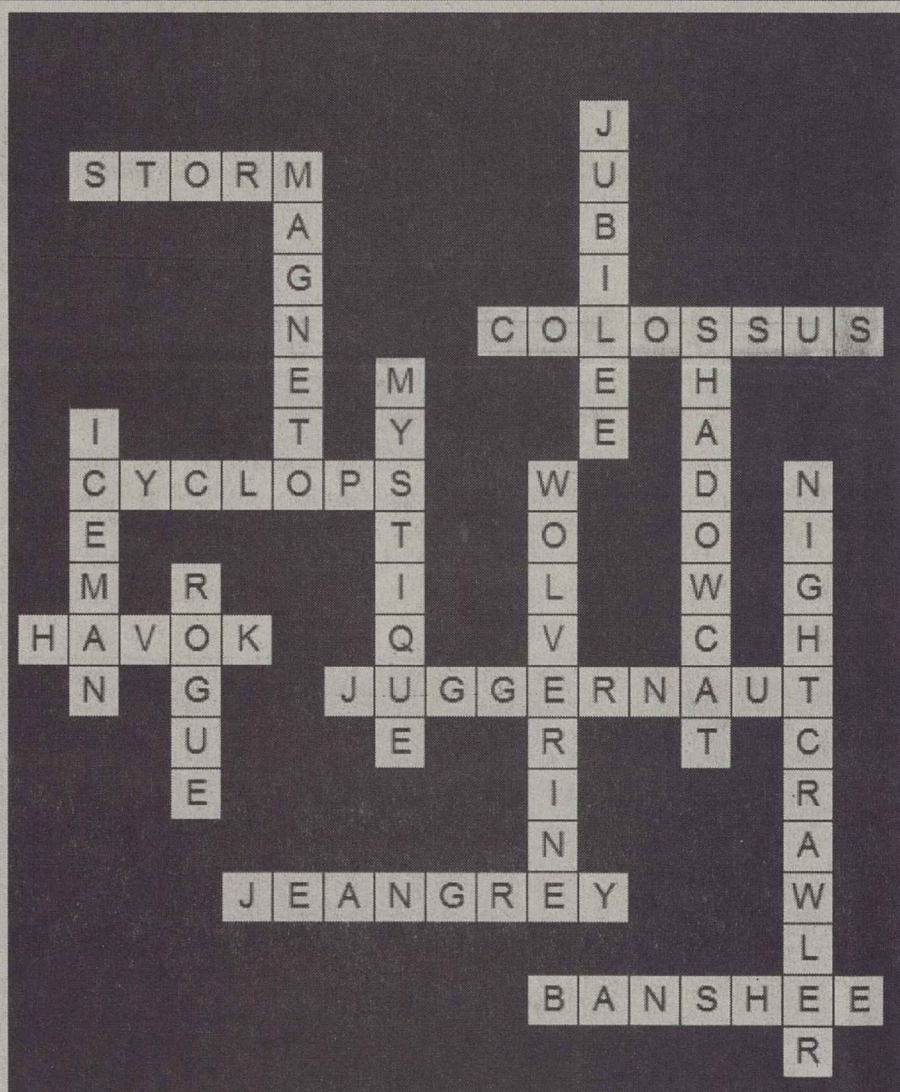
Capricorn- The colors you see around you are intended to give you an idea of three dimensional spaces. Close your eyes

and you become a dangerous walking buffoon. The darkness you experience when you close your eyes might be accompanied by a low demonic growl today.

Aquarius- Your future may well rely on the kindness of others and your ability to fight your way to the front of a queue. Something of a chain reaction will occur this week when each person you tell "I love you!" starts thinking that you've lost it and therefore stop thinking of you in the same way.

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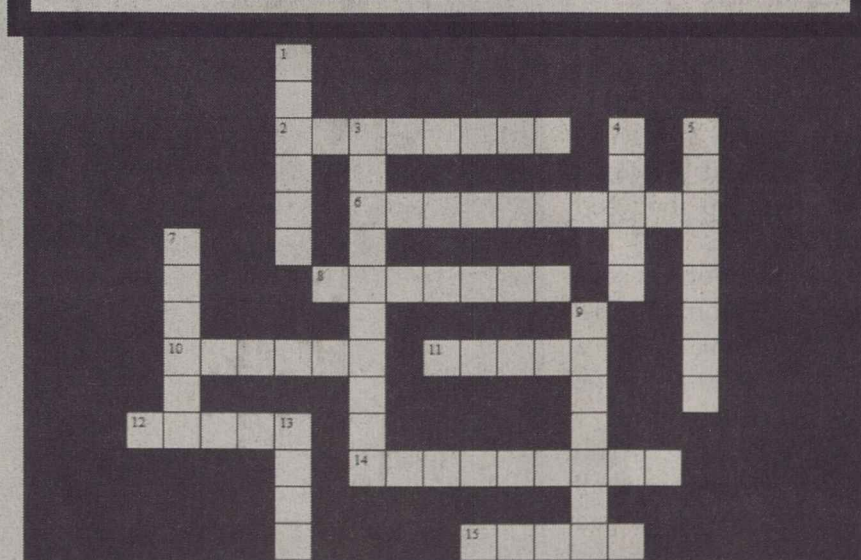


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Local proponents of Invisible Children (a longstanding non-profit working to end LRA violence in Central Africa) are organizing a "Cover the Night" event for the Shreveport-Bossier area. Cover the Night is a worldwide event sponsored by Invisible Children. Set for Friday, April 20, volunteers all over the globe will be participating in service activi-

Centenary's own Invisible Children advocacy group, Schools for Schools, is spearheading the local Cover the Night movement. They're currently corraling support throughout the Shreveport-Bossier community and

"With the sudden explosion of popularity for KONY 2012, interest in involvement with Invisible Children

If you're interested in volunteering in any aspect, contact Krista at kmckinney@my.centenary.edu or contact the club via their Facebook page, "Centenary Schools for Schools."

According to a recent Harvard University study, they found that students are more inclined to engage in risky behavior on a college campus that prohibits alco-

And with the new Residence Life policies going into effect over the next few years, considering the pros and cons of changing Centenary to a wet campus might not be a bad thing.

Centenary wishes to keep alcohol off campus completely, but let's be hon-

Finally, a college's reputation might be jeopardized,

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Letter from the Editor: “Not with a fizzle . . .”

Ashley Lynch
Editor in Chief

With less than thirty days left until commencement, my time here at Centenary has become more of a bucket list than anything else. My to-do list has expanded from its usual collection of due dates, programs, events, and end-of-the-year tidying up to include every last chance for me to show off city and country to my new pal from Denmark.

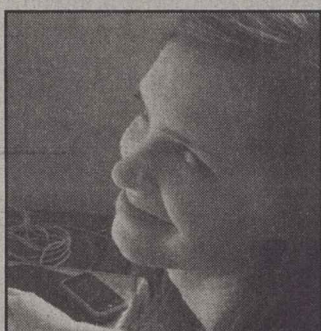
See a show at the Robinson Film Center? Check. Shopping trip at the Boardwalk? Check. Grab some grub from local hot spots, Marilyn's and Papa's? In the works. "Great American" movies left to watch before she leaves? To be decided. Each passing week crosses off, adds to, or further defines the contents of the list, while the ticking of the clock grows a little louder for my new friend and me.

"Are you sure we're going to have enough time for all of this?" has become a regular staple of our conversations. And, to the best of my ability, I scramble to jot down dates, ideas, and the occasional "Oh! You should try that place, it's fantastic" that pop up, in an effort to cement some time for our toy box of plans.

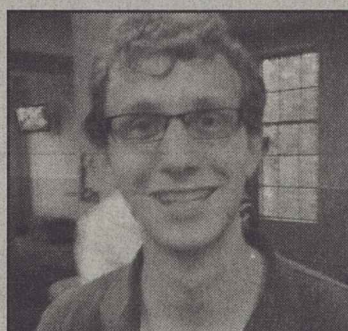
There's little that will make you appreciate what your city has to offer more than taking someone on a tour of what keeps you going while you're home. Whether it's a stroll through a local market, a hopscotch view of American nightlife on national holidays, or taking your visitor to get the "best sno-cone in town," there is always a gem (or several) to be found in your hometown -- especially when having a visitor helps remind you of what you're taking for granted.

Question of the Week

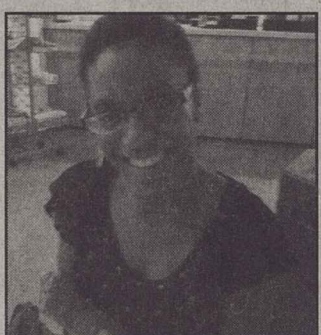
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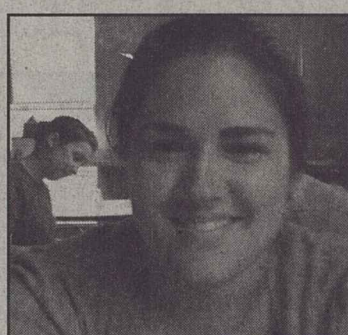
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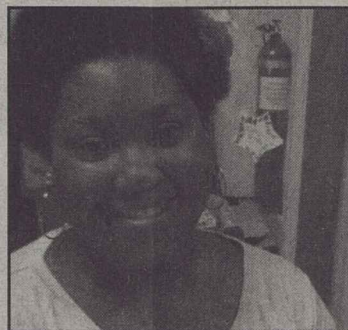
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Working and Planning Recruitment
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COUNTDOWN 2 COMMENCEMENT

UPCOMING DATES

SENIOR CLASS MEETING #4 - Tuesday, April 17th
11:10 – 11:50 PM @Mickle Hall 114

SENIOR WEEK ACTIVITIES - April 30th - May 4th
Schedule online @ "centenary.edu/classof2012/week"
(Includes Cap & Gown Pick-up Dates and Times)

COMMENCEMENT PREVIEW - Friday, May 4th
10-11:30am @ Brown Chapel

COMMENCEMENT - Saturday, May 5th
10:30am @ Gold Dome

UPs & DOWNS



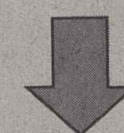
Spring Awakening
Yay for musicals and talented Centenary students!



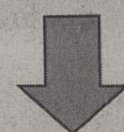
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Take a deep breath seniors.



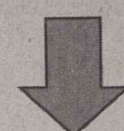
Transformation Grant
Thanks for increasing the award for commuters and putting the application online!



Finals are coming
They're coming and they will not show mercy.



Easter Break is over
No more breaks...



Required workshops
Where are they all coming from? Why now?

Fitness Center Classes

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7:00 am	-	-	Yoga	-
7:15 am	-	Total Body	-	Total Body
11:15 am	-	ABS	-	ABS
Noon	Pilates	Yoga	Pilates	Yoga
4:35 pm	-	-	-	-
5:00 pm	-	-	Boot Camp	-
5:30 pm	-	Cycling	-	Turbo Kick
6:00 pm	Zumba-	Zumba-		

Fall Hours

Mon-Thu: 6am - 10pm

Fri: 6am - 6pm

Sat: Noon - 6pm

Sun: 2pm - 6pm

Pool Hours

Mon-Fri: 11am - 2pm

Mon Night: 8pm - 10pm

Wed Night: 6pm - 10pm

Sat & Sun: 2pm - 6pm

NEWS

Go Green [House!]:Ending the Year with a Gang

Karley Aiken
A&E Editor

And by ending the year with a gang, I mean the mean, green, recycling machine monster gang of the GreenHouse. Little did any of you know that, fairly soon, all of the trash cans in the classroom buildings and faculty offices will be attacked (gently) and turned into recycling bins.

That's right – the Tribe members of the Sustainability Living Learning Community along with several students working with Coates Bluff will be coming together to accomplish a massive feat otherwise known as the Recycle NOW! Sticker Bombing.

So far this year, the Sustainability students have succeeded in getting a composting program up and running, gathered research on food and health from a student audience, helped clean up, restore, and improve the Coates Bluff nature trail, held multiple events promoting sustainability and campus and community education, and the projects and events are still rolling!

After Easter break, Sticker Bombing will commence and students will see a slow but steady change in their waste receptacles. From this semester forward, on-campus recycling will be easier and wasting less will be



more convenient than simply throwing everything away.

Some things to think about to prepare for the new recycling program:

-In 2009, Americans generated approximately 243 million tons of waste, which was dumped (54.3%), recycled (33.8%), or burned (11.9%).

-The 2009 recycling ef-

forts prevented approximately 178 million metric tons of carbon dioxide from being released. This is equivalent to the annual emissions of 33 million cars.

-Paper and cardboard made up 28% of total waste in 2009 (before recycling).

-In 1960, the average amount of waste per person was 2.7 pounds per day. Since

peaking at 4.7 pounds per day in 2000, per capita waste has gradually decreased to 4.3 pounds in 2009.

(Environmental Protection Agency)

As that information soaks in, remember that college students can make a difference. The Centenary GreenHouse students have already shown that small

steps can equate to great changes.

So make sure to keep your eyes peeled for the newly-stickered bins and visit the Centenary GreenHouse page for more information about the Sustainability Living Learning Community.

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which may be the only real issue with converting from a dry to wet campus.

However, if Centenary was a wet campus, there would need to be policies in place to make sure underage drinking and other offenses were minimized.

For example, a dorm could be converted so that only students 21 and older would be allowed to live there and possess or consume alcohol.

In another scenario, suites (in any dorm) that contained 21 and older students would be allowed to have alcohol to consume.

School administration could also limit the amount of alcohol each student was allowed to possess in the room (such as one case of

beer or wine coolers, etc.)

The truth of the matter is, students will drink on campus—it's a part of college life. Why should students of legal drinking age be punished the same as underage students because drinking is against school policy?

Which is more important: students being able to exercise their freedom in a safe environment? Or is keeping alcohol taboo for everyone on campus better?

What do you, the student, think? Weigh the pros and cons of Centenary becoming a wet campus, and let the Conglomerate know your opinion! We welcome your submission of questions and comments to conglomerate@centenary.edu.

CENTENARY COLLEGE THEATRE PRESENTS ...

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DIRECTED BY ALAN SOUZA

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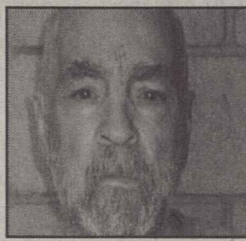
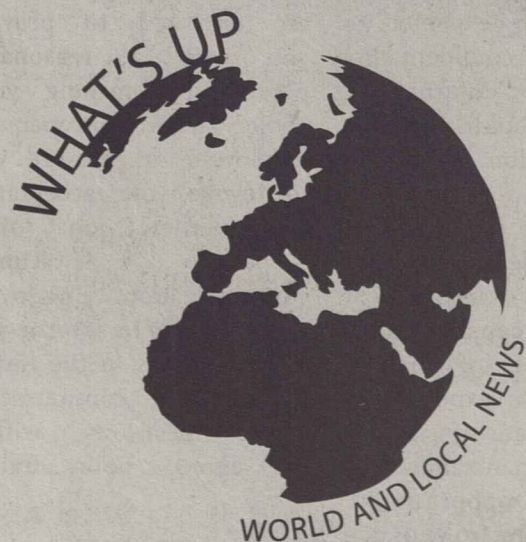
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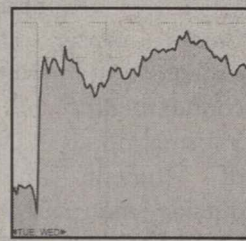
Charles Manson

Charles Manson, who is serving a life sentence in a California state prison in Corcoran, is to approach to parole board again after being denied 11 times previously. Manson's attorney will urge the parole board to put Manson in a mental hospital.



Rick Santorum

Rick Santorum's decision to drop out of the Republican presidential race came after he spent the holiday weekend evaluating the race with his family, who were grappling with the latest hospitalization of his 3-year-old daughter Bella.



Stocks

U.S. stocks rose Wednesday, bouncing back from a string of down days, as concerns about Europe eased and hopes for a better-than-expected earnings season rose.



North Korea

North Korea has started fueling a long-range rocket it plans to launch in the coming days.

NEWS

The Steps to Enlightenment: Falling off the Path

Karley Aiken
A&E Editor

Buddhism isn't exactly like riding a horse. When you fall off [the path] you don't exactly get back up.

At least, that's my understanding of it. When you fall off the path, as I feel I have, you kind of just...sit there. And remember that in reality, you have not fallen at all. You are the process of falling.

As you may or may not recall, I began going to Refuge Meditation Group weekly late last semester. I began going to an additional intimate group meeting weekly as well as meditating daily since January. I would like to confess at this time that I have not been to my meditation group in almost two weeks.

I have not meditated outside the group practice for about a week. Seeing as I have been extremely dedicated to this group and focused on my personal growth in meditation, you would think that this would be the one area in which I could stay afloat. Alas, my spirituality is probably the one area that is suffering the most.

For the past two weeks I have watched my self-discipline wane as I began to eat meat again, slack off on school assignments and obligations, and find ridiculous ways to waste my time as I did nothing that I was supposed to be doing. I have been fighting an internal struggle with my collection of egos to be disciplined and responsible or to just say "Screw everything," and do



as I please.

As you may have deduced, my egos consistently won.

To say that I have fallen off the horse would be an understatement. Truly, I have jumped off the horse and run away from the stables.

The thing is, in the back of my mind I know that I would benefit from meditating. I can recognize the urge to sit and come back to the breath, but the

urge that ends up winning is the one that likes to put on the everything-is-okay face. When really, if everything was okay, there wouldn't be any struggles going on.

Another way to look at it: Everything is okay, although everything is falling apart. When the spiritual awakening group leader Ben told us about a month ago that our lives were surely about to fall apart, well, he

was right. In short, my life has fallen into a thousand tiny pieces on the floor. And although I want to blame the cause of the fall, I know that none of it matters.

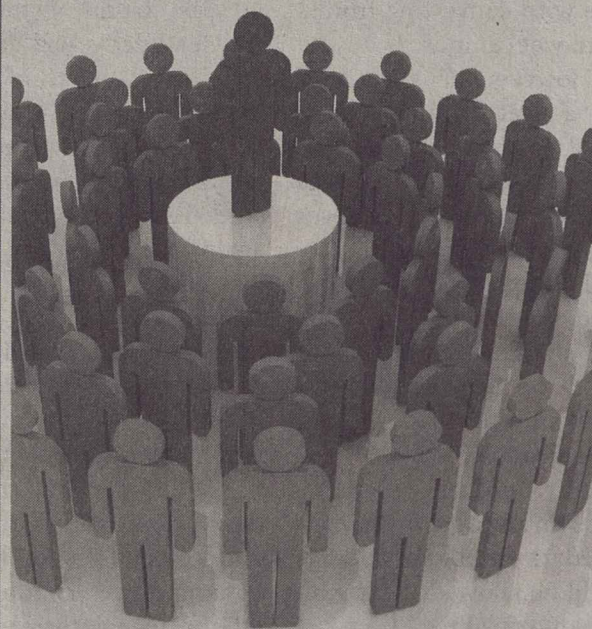
The only things that matter now includes understanding that things are falling apart all the time — we just choose to ignore them or acknowledge them. In addition, we can't take ourselves so seriously. The

key to reaching your goal, whether it be spiritual or anything else, is to accept where you are right now, without hoping to change yourself, others, or your circumstances.

The path is here, now, in this place, wherever you are presently.

Maybe we all should learn to just be here now.

Career Corner: *Playing fair, your rights as a job seeker*



Chaerli Faught
Staff Writer

Choosing and attaining meaningful post-graduation employment is an important challenge for college students.

Your career center and employers recruiting graduating college seniors participate in this process through various services and programs.

It is ensured through these things that students can openly, freely, and objectively select employment opportunities; students and employers are involved in a fair and equitable recruitment process; and students have support

to make informed and responsible career decisions.

Here are some things that you can expect from your career center:

1. Confidentiality. Career center staff are expected to maintain the confidentiality of student information. Disclosure of student information outside the college should be made only with your prior consent, unless health and safety considerations necessitate the distribution of such information.

2. Freedom of choice. Career center staff should assist you in developing a career plan and making career decisions without

imposing their own biases or personal values.

3. Access to all services and events. Career centers may charge you a nominal fee for registering or taking part in certain services or events. Such fees should hinder your participation.

4. Access to career information. Career center staff should provide all students, regardless of personal or educational background, with equal access to information on career opportunities and types of employing organizations.

5. Testing information. Career staff should inform you of the availability of testing, the purpose in

the tests, and the policies for disclosing test results.

What can you expect from employers?

1. Confidentiality. Employers are expected to maintain the confidentiality of student information. Employers shouldn't disclose any information about you to another organization without your prior written consent, unless necessary situated by health or safety considerations.

2. Accurate information. Employers are expected to provide accurate information about their organizations and employment opportunities.

3. Freedom from undue pressure. Employers are

expected to provide you with a reasonable amount of time to make a decision about accepting an employment offer. Employers also are expected to provide you with a reasonable process for making your choice. It is improper for employers to pressure you to revoke your acceptance of another job offer.

4. Timely communication. Employers are expected to inform you of your status in the hiring process and communicate hiring decisions within the agreed upon frame.

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A&E

Movie Review:

We Need to Talk About Kevin



Karley Aiken
A&E Editor

During the end of March, the Robinson Film Center showed a suspenseful drama titled "We Need to Talk About Kevin". The film is reminiscent of "Requiem for a Dream" and "Donnie Darko", inasmuch as it is unpredictable, original, and intensely creepy.

The plot focuses on a married couple whose unplanned baby boy grows up to sabotage his parents' relationship while successfully conning everyone around him to think that he is simply an intelligent, gifted child.

Kevin, the first-born and unplanned child of Eva, a carefree young woman turned dissatisfied housewife and mother, creates havoc and hones his violent

behavior in a hidden manner, disguising his actions as normal boy activities. Eva, however, becomes the main target for her son's angst.

From birth, Kevin responds negatively to his mother or refuses to acknowledge her at all. This film tears apart the image of the traditional nuclear family by suspending family tensions and adding the element of insanity.

The organization of the film is interesting to say the least. The scene selection and timing mimicked many other well-known independent films, showing choppy, unresolved images and scenes that later tie together in the most unpredictable way.

The movie possesses the growing-unique quality of originality by pushing the boundaries of normative and non-normative

behavior and questioning the morals of motherhood.

The ending of the movie is somewhat anti-climactic because of multiple foreshadowing incidents leading up to the resolution, but is nonetheless shocking and leaves the audience wanting to go back to the beginning, to see if there is a way to justify or understand exactly how things ended up in a state of chaos.

This film is both captivating and disturbing. For viewers who are Robinson regulars, this is definitely a must-see film, if for nothing else than to experience something new and out of the ordinary.

For those who aren't Robinson regulars but who have a taste for indie movies made to mess with your brain, then this would be a great movie to see.

SGA UPDATE

Field Day 2012, the time for fun and sun!

Who all is co-programming with SGA?

CAB, and Day of Silence for the Friday event.

Can we hear about the activities that will be played during Field Day?

Some of the activities being played during field day will be a water bucket relay, an egg toss, and a three-legged race.

What are more of the events that the co-programmers will be putting on surrounding and along with field day?

The Day of Silence will break at the beginning of Field Day, and will help give Outreach recognition for their efforts. CAB will be putting on Beach Bash following the end of Field Day, and it will include a cookout, and blow up inflatables on Jones Rice.

When will we have more

information about sign up and teams?

Sign-up and registration is occurring now! Check the What's Happening, talk to your SGA Senators, and look for the fliers around campus. Registration for Field Day will end the Wednesday before on April 18.

Why should we be excited/look forward to this?

This is quickly becoming a Centenary tradition. It's exciting to see something that we created last year be so successful, and have the student body excited for it to return. It's also great to be co-programming with so many other organizations on campus which will give this event better student turnout, and appeal.

Everyone should come out and join us for Centenary College Field Day 2012!

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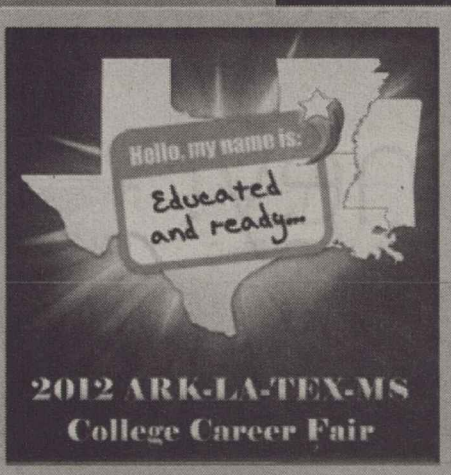
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SPORTS

Centenary Golf: The Nineteenth Hole

Rachel Grinnell
Staff Writer

The Ladies and Gents golf teams finished up their seasons at the LeTourneau University Invitational on April 2nd and 3rd in Longview, TX at Pinecrest Country Club.

The tournament was 36 holes for the men and women, but it was supposed to be 54 for the men. There was a two and a half hour rain delay on Monday afternoon so the second 18 for the boys was cancelled.

The Ladies finished in fifth place out of nine teams, and Rachel Grinnell led the Ladies in 18th place with a 165, Sarah Bradshaw and Justine Kemp ended up in a tie for 19th after shooting a 167, Kyndal Rose finished with a 173 in 27th place, and Kylee Goldthorn shot a 178 to finish in a tie for 29th.

There were a total of 48 players at the tournament.

Rachel Grinnell had this to say about the end of the season, "The final tourna-

ment is always a little bitter sweet because I never want the season to end but I know it has to. We are such a great little golf family and we always have so much fun with each other. This year I have made so many memories that I know will last a lifetime!"

On the Gents side there were a total of ten teams which included University of Texas at Tyler, Louisiana College, Schreiner, University of Texas at Dallas, Cameron University, LeTourneau, McMurry, Hardin-Simmons, and Mississippi College, with a total of 60 men in this tournament.

Jamie Gibson led the way for the Gents in a tie for 7th after shooting 146, Zander Winston shot a 148 and ended in a tie for 10th, Matt Delaney finished tied for 40th with a 160, John Sidery finished in 55th with a 170, and Arni Sigurdsson shot a 172 to finish in a tie for 56th.

Zander Winston had this to say about the year, "It's not every day that you have five

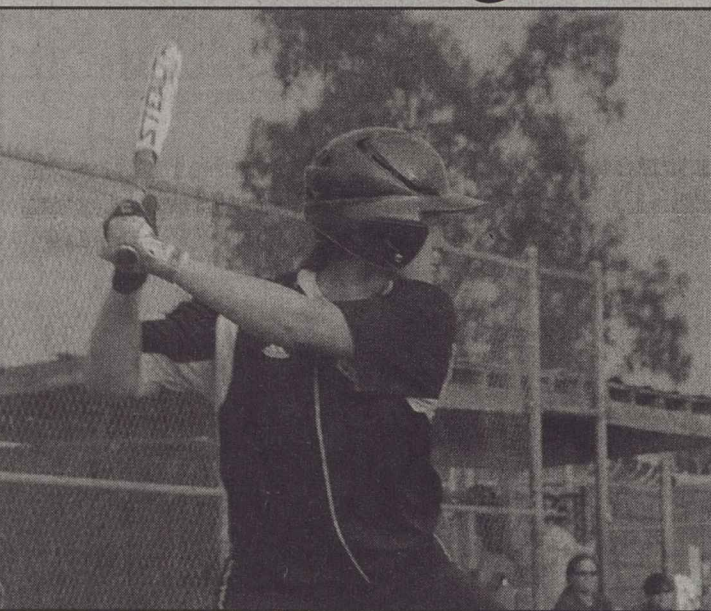
freshmen starting, so we are taking this year as a learning experience and something

to build on. The team grew a ton this year and we could not have done that without

our coach; we are looking forward to an upcoming fall season!"



Hard Effort Against ASC Foes Not Enough for Ladies



Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

The Centenary Ladies Softball team continued their 14 game home stretch this past week. Looking to get hot, the Ladies took on LeTourneau in a double header that was threatened to be rained out. Already having horrible luck with weather at home this year, it wouldn't have been surprising if these match-ups got postponed too.

Game one was completed before game two got postponed due to inclement weather. The Ladies offense jumped out in front early in game one, to go on top 2-1 in the bottom of the first.

The Ladies extended the lead to 4-1 and appeared in control. Two home runs and fielding error tied the game at 4-4 and then things turned into a marathon.

Neither team scored

again until the ninth inning when LeTourneau took the lead 5-4. Freshman Keya Brandon continued her productive afternoon by driving in senior Jenny King. The Ladies had an opportunity to end the game there, but left runners on the corners.

The Ladies had another opportunity in the bottom of the 12th with the bases loaded and none out, but were unable to get that game winning walk off. LeTourneau would take the lead in the 13th inning for good and won the game 16-5.

Senior Kayln Harris and Brandon drove in two runs on two hits pacing the Ladies offense. Fellow senior, Reggie Salvatore, contributed with a 3-for-6 effort and had an RBI too. Lynsi Unruh got the start and went the distance for the Ladies, pitching all 13 innings and surrendering 6

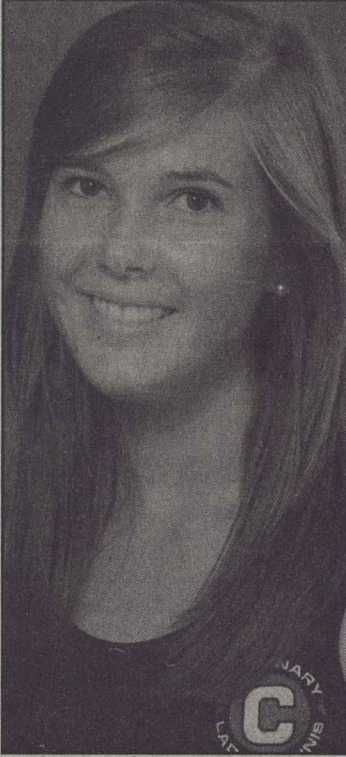
runs, 3 earned, while walking 4 and striking out 5.

Later in the week the Ladies were taking on No. 19 ranked Louisiana College. Having already played them on the road a few weeks ago, the Ladies knew they needed to bring their best game. Game one was just that as Unruh got the start and pitched a complete game. Her only blemish was a run in the first inning.

The Ladies offense was unable to push a run across against Lady Cats starter Jordan Waldroup, and were shutout 1-0. The Ladies had nine hits in this game, but couldn't get that key hit when it counted. Junior transfers Jessica McDonald and Lauren Swift each went 2-for-3, freshman Cadie Hancock went 2-for-3 and Harris's 2-for-2 paced the Ladies offense with four players having multi-hit games.

The Ladies would fall in the nightcap 12-2. This was a busy string of weeks for the Ladies but they were able to have Easter Break off. They played No. 8 UT-Tyler on Monday April 9th and continued this busy week with a game against Division I opponent, Nichols State. On April 13th and 14th the ladies will be playing four games against University of Ozarks. All games will be played at the Centenary Softball Complex.

Athlete of the Week: Holly Anne Clark



Steven Finley
Sports Editor

Sport: Ladies Tennis
Classification: Sophomore
Position: #5 singles and #3 doubles
Hometown: Baton Rouge
Major: Biology
Favorite Color: Turquoise
Favorite Sports Team: LSU Tigers!

What do you plan on doing after graduation: apply to the LSUHSC Physician Assistant Program in Shreveport

People you look up to: my mom

When did you start playing or getting involved in your sport and why: I started taking tennis lessons when

I was three because my dad forced me to. I quit for a while, and then picked it back up when I realized I actually enjoyed playing tennis

What goes through your head as you prepare for every game: my strategy on how I am going to beat my opponent and also the song "Forget You" by Cee Lo Green (as suggested by my coach to help me relax).

What is your most memorable moment in your career: riding roller-coasters on top of the Stratosphere while in Las Vegas with my team and my coach.

What is your least favorite thing about your sport and what is your most favorite: I love and hate riding in a 15 passenger van with the boys and girls teams. I hate it because the reeks brothers hit my seat and Izzy raps to Lil Wayne so I'm never able to get any studying done, but I love it at the same time because we all have so much fun (especially making fun of Evan).

What is your most over used word or phrase: "Garrett, I need help with Organic!" High School academic accomplishments, rewards or honors societies: Graduated summa cum laude with honors and performing arts and was an active member of National Honor Society and Beta Club.

High School sports accomplishments, rewards, and placements: 4 letters in tennis, 1 in swimming.

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

April 13	April 14	April 17	April 19
 Baseball Apr. 13 UT-Dallas at Richardson, Texas TBA	 Softball Apr. 13 Univ. of the Ozarks Centenary Softball Complex 4:00 p.m.	 Baseball Apr. 14 UT-Dallas at Richardson, Texas 1:00 p.m.	 Softball Apr. 19 Millaps at Jackson, Miss. 2:00 p.m.
 Tennis Apr. 13 Grambling at Grambling, La. 2:00 p.m.	 Softball Apr. 13 Univ. of the Ozarks Centenary Softball Complex 6:00 p.m.	 Tennis Apr. 14 UT-Tyler Centenary Tennis Complex 3:30 p.m.	 Baseball Apr. 14 UT-Dallas at Richardson, Texas 4:00 p.m.
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EXTRAS

Horoscopes

Daniel Proveaux

Aries- Boom! And there goes the last piece of evidence that you were ever here...no-one will ever suspect. Your desire for more money will never come true unless you get off your arse and do something. Taking a bit-part in a local theatre production may help you get out and start living a lie.

Taurus- Ghosts cannot be expected to turn up at your convenience. However, they will usually leave a calling card asking you to re-arrange a visit. Friends have always tried to convince you of your madness, but never more so will that be true than this coming weekend

Gemini- Only love can break your heart... but trans-fatty acids will also have a darn good try. Scientists will help you today by informing you that you can catch love in

jars and spread love like a disease. This will cause your heart to leap and you'll immediately feel like you want to grab the nearest person and slurp their face off.

Cancer- Everytime you have a weird day you wonder whether there's someone out there controlling your destiny. Is it possible for this kind of thing to happen by chance? You wonder. Today is going to be one of those days, though it is difficult to say whether it's going to be a good one or a bad one. Naturally your instinct will be to find love in places where people are either inebriated or are known to be easy. However, many find that a library or inside the foyer of council offices is also a good place to pick up a mate.

Leo- The light is coming closer and soon you

will see exactly what the future holds with a special someone. The light is a little bit blinding though, so you might want to duck out of the way when it gets within touching distance, or possibly even turn around. But don't turn around for too long or the light will be gone. We think it's a light. I've discussed it with a few other astrologers and it's either a light or a brick.

Virgo- Raisins are a lovely dried up fruit. However, the old man who runs the hairdressers down the road, is not. Damage caused by rage might cost you around \$500 this weekend. Avoid posh bars. When the morning is done, you will have your sweet reward.

Libra- The sun doesn't wear a hat, and it's probably not a good idea to play with it. Until the time comes where you

are able to do something about it, defer all your anger to the television shows you waste your life watching.

Scorpio- Love may come your way this week...and if it doesn't then you can at least console yourself with the fact that you haven't made a complete fool out of yourself. No, that happens next week. Enjoy! The future will find you in good spirits. In the midst of these good spirits you may meet someone that you are immediately fond of.

Sagittarius- If you keep repeating it, it might come true. You are a carrier bag and life is one big supermarket. Now you're fully engrossed in that analogy, I want you to think of me as the store announcer.

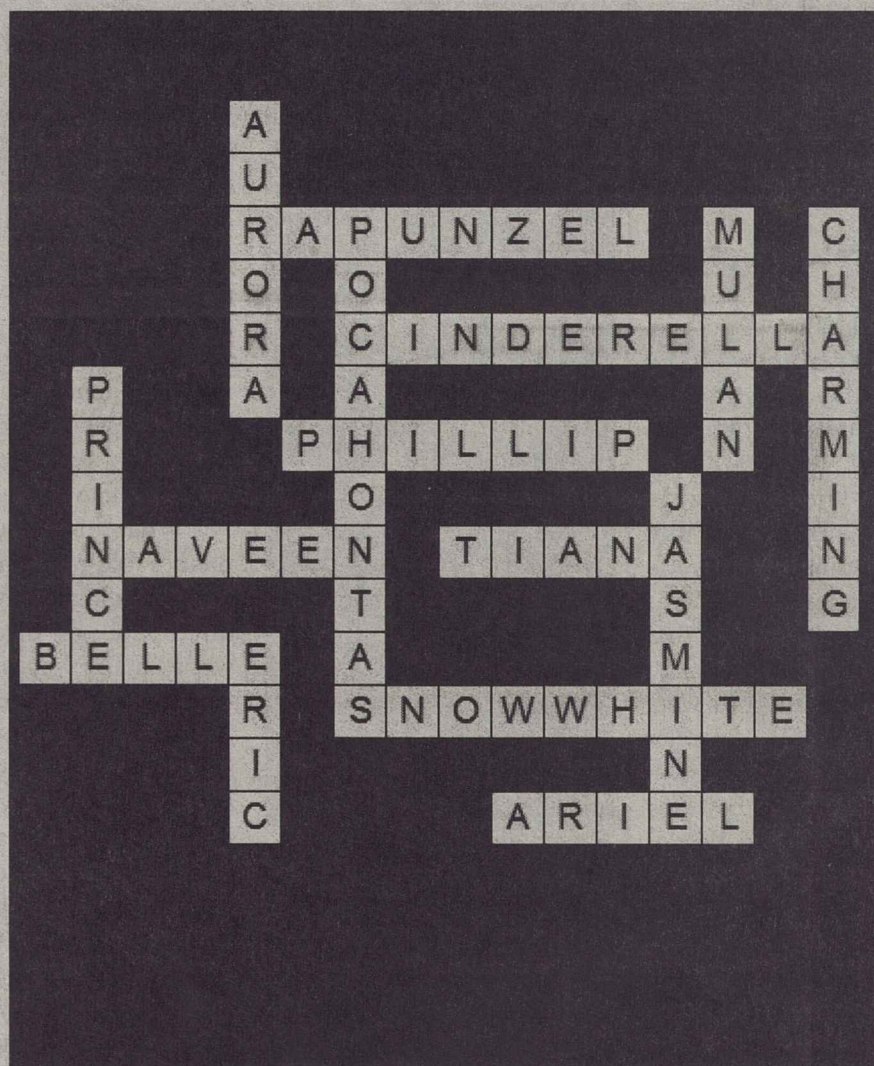
Capricorn- "Clean up in aisle 12". That's as ex-

citing as it gets. Everything you say today will be like a very beautiful flower, spreading its seed amongst cacti.

Aquarius- Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and are you ever gonna need some beholdin' today. Inner beauty is what counts and someone will look beyond the skin-bag that is your face and feel their heart beating for the first time in years.

Pisces- Most of your ideas will turn out to be excellent ones today. Avoid having too many ideas; otherwise you may fall from your station. Opening up to a close friend will probably be the worst thing you could do, in your situation. Most of your dreams will come true over the coming fortnight, so prepare for wealth, health and happiness, you lucky dog.

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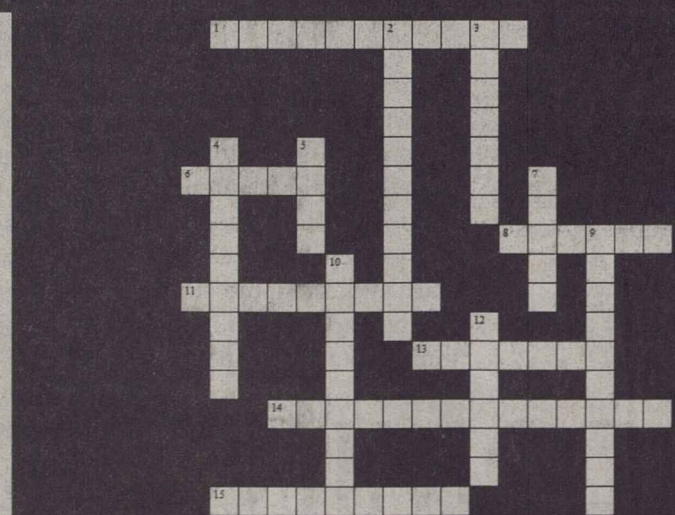


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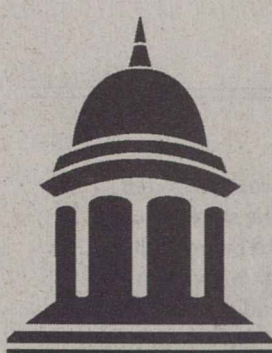


ACROSS

- 1 Hides eggs for you to find.
- 6 Who Framed _____ Rabbit?
- 8 Winnie the Pooh's responsible friend.
- 11 Looney Tunes.
- 13 Bambi's best friend.
- 14 Worked as a sheriff in a Western setting called Hoop 'n' Holler.
- 15 Jack rabbit with antelope horns.

DOWN

- 2 Superhero from Arthur.
- 3 Chocolate milk.
- 4 Bug's girlfriend.
- 5 Silly rabbit, _____ are for kids.
- 7 The 7 foot tall apocalyptic rabbit from Donnie Darko.
- 9 From the Uncle Remus stories.
- 10 Vampire rabbit in book by Deborah and James Howe.
- 12 Arthur's rabbit friend.



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Stellar Performances of Poignant Youth and Punk Rock in "Spring Awakening"



Photo courtesy of Randy Schmidt

Erika Lunsford
Staff Writer

"Spring Awakening" is a controversial rock musical adapted from the original 1892 German work by Frank Wedekind. Steven Sater wrote the adapted play and libretto, with music written by Duncan Sheik.

The play was banned for quite some time in Germany due to its rough portrayal of child abuse, rape, abortion, and sexuality. The playwright was even thrown in jail because of writing the piece!

But in a time like today, these issues are something argued about and discussed across the nation. It doesn't make the story of "Spring Awakening" any less shocking or exciting, but it allows for the performers to focus on a much more intimate story—how teenagers deal with sexuality and other issues in a culture that

shames and ignores sex.

Marjorie Lyons Playhouse's production of "Spring Awakening" was spectacular and heartfelt. Under the direction of guest director, Alan Souza, the play's raw rock music gave voice to adolescent howls for recognition. His direction fosters the brisk pace of adolescent discovery depicted in the show.

For those of you who haven't seen it, I'm sparing you the major plot details!

The entire production was nothing short of top-notch. The music was edgy, the costumes were accurate and beautiful, the set design was elaborate, and the characters rang true to both the musical and the drama.

Whenever the characters weren't singing about sexuality, life, and discovery, they were wrestling, fighting, or throwing each other around in an exciting and fast-paced pattern

of Souza's choreography.

Costas Dafnis, Musical Director, discovered the heartbeat of Sheik's music with a perfect ear, breathing life into every musical number of the show.

The set design, led by Don Hooper (head of the Theatre Department), was intricate and true to the time period. The audience seemed awed and amazed when performers began climbing bookcases and thrashing about in time with the music.

Lighting and sound were phenomenal as well, truly setting the tone for each scene as the lighting changed or the music began pulsating.

And finally, the performance given by the actors was nothing short of stellar as they told the story of these struggling adolescents in an oppressive society.

Sandy Rather, playing Wendla, opened the show with a plaintive cry in

"Mama Who Bore Me," making the character someone the audience cares about—an adolescent with emotional translucence and big, soulful eyes trying to find truth.

Opposite Rather, Andrew Wood, senior Theatre major, played Melchior, a young man who only has an academic understanding of how babies are conceived, and very much shows a hint of insecurity as he stands as much in the dark as the others.

Freshman Joe Signorelli played Moritz, a young man whose psychic agony pierces the audience through Signorelli's performance and singing as he struggles with failure.

Martha, Isle, Thea, Anna, Helga, and Greta and Adult Woman were played by (in order): Chelsi Hefner, Emily Slazer, Lauren Morrison, Chelsea David, Maddison Gilcrease, Emily Hay, and

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Centenary Alum, Mr. Stephen Pitters, Performs Poetry Reading

Erika Lunsford
Staff Writer

Mr. Stephen Pitters was one of the first African-American students to attend and graduate from Centenary College. In fact, he was the first African-American student allowed to live on campus.

A native of New York City, Pitters was recruited to Centenary in '67. He attended Centenary from 1967-1971, when he graduated with a B.A. in English.

Pitters holds Master's degrees in Clinical Social Work and Public Health and has a teaching certificate from Gonzaga University. As a clinician, he teaches stress and anger management groups, couples communication, and parenting, as well as doing marketing.

He also organized the Spokane Open Poetry Association for many years, hosting The Spokane Open Poetry Program on the radio.

When asked how he survived his time here at Centenary, Pitters said, "You have

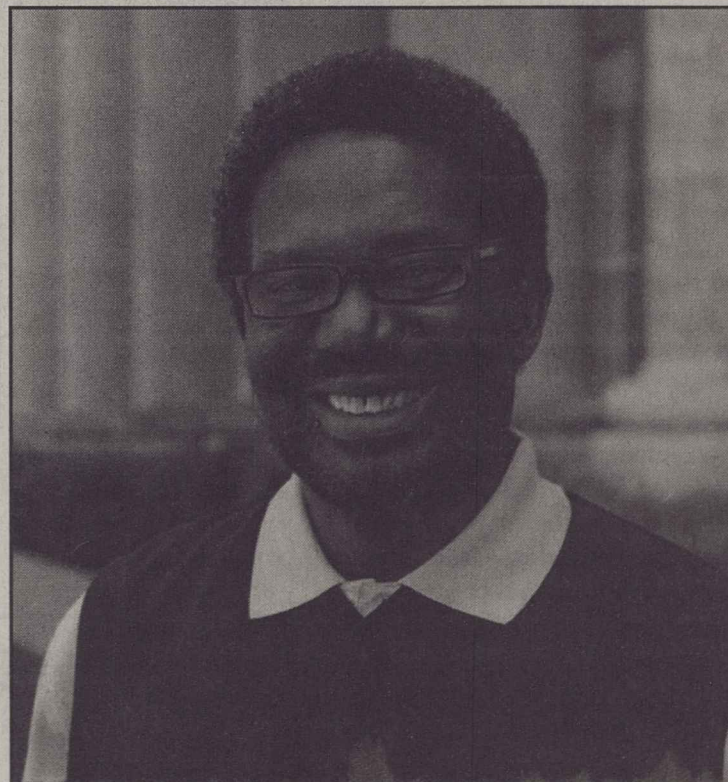
to be flexible...but remember there are people here that care about you and your success and your ability to thrive and grow here."

Wednesday, April 18 at 6:00pm, he gave a poetry reading on campus of his latest work "Walks Through the Mind." This second collection of poetry speaks of the experiences of being one of the first African-American students at Centenary and the turmoils of living and surviving in the Deep South during the Civil Rights era.

"Walks Through the Minds" retrospectively looks at academic and social survival in the Deep South during late 60's and early 70's. It also shows the socio-cultural changes of the present.

Pitters combines love, pain, passion and desire in his poetry. He celebrates the timeless women who challenged the inequality with acceptance. He also speaks of the memories of his time at Centenary and the hardships and discoveries he encountered.

Pitters' poetry is ex-



tremely heartfelt and intense, calling to attention the trials and tribulations he dealt with as an African-American in the Deep South. While not all of his poetry spoke of the inequality and hardship, it was definitely a theme.

And rather than portray issues in a negative tone, he spoke of them as growing experiences, and it only served

to heighten the instances of acceptance, friendship, and romance.

Pitters presence on campus was much appreciated, and his poetry collections can be purchased online at www.greymareedit.com under Gribble Press: Books Available.

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Letter from the Editor: "On Journalism."

Ashley Lynch
Editor in Chief

I hated journalism before I came to college.

Granted, my understanding of the subject was limited to a stereotype. To me, journalism seemed more like unwarranted meddling: pesky reporters running around in tan overcoats with memo pads sticking out of their brown suede fedoras, shoving tape recorders in front of emotionally compromised human beings. Soulless folk who asked intrusive questions, distracting the personal viewpoints of others with their own critiques. Bottom-feeders that made a living off of the next big catastrophe.

And, against much of what my high school advisors encouraged me to believe, I didn't agree that enjoying the art of writing meant that my options were limited to "journalist" or "English teacher."

I was determined to look away from the mass communication and journalism programs being offered by other Louisiana schools. Instead, I double-majored in Professional Writing and English at a Liberal Arts college in an attempt to highlight the

qualities of each field that I felt would provide a well-rounded study of writing (and, for good measure, I added a business minor – just in case this plan didn't go as intended).

But as a freshman, I found that our campus newspaper caught my eye. I used to pick up copies of The Conglomerate from the cafeteria on Fridays, skimming the paper in the lunchroom as if I were sitting fireside with a pipe. Like many, I didn't have the gumption to submit anything, even though I often thought about what I'd like to write. So, I didn't, opting to muse over other submissions instead.

It wasn't until spring semester that I was approached about joining the team. The soon-to-be Editor in Chief was taking a writing class with me at the time and was scouting students for openings on the next year's Editorial Staff. With no articles under my belt, and a brief glimpse through the Associated Press stylebook, I made the decision to take on my first role with the paper, even though I'd pushed so hard against adopting the lifestyle.

The year went well. Wednesdays would soon become a day of the week that was both dreaded and desired – an ever-present deadline and

an adrenaline rush. Putting the paper together through the wee hours of those mornings was stressful at times, sure; but, at the end of our extended night, we felt accomplished. Each week provided a product that students could read, critique, contribute to, and claim as their own – a paper for the students, by the students. Their news. Their voice. Their choice.

By the end of the year, the organization had claimed me. I applied for and successfully received the role of Editor in Chief of our campus newspaper – a role I would take on a second year, finishing out my time at Centenary with the title still stamped on my e-mail signature.

Through now, it's been one hell of a learning experience. Each year – each issue – had its own hurdles. Re-designs. Budget cuts. Organizing conference trips. Meeting deadlines. Presenting proposals. Maintaining a staff. The list goes on. I met a lot of fascinating people who inspired me as a writer, a leader, and a thinker. I made a lot of connections that I'm sure will last.

Better yet, the more I researched and practiced journalism, the more excited I became about it. With each interview I conducted, each

story that I was able to tell, my grip on the stereotype that I clung to before college slowly flaked. My view on the subject expanded to admire its finery – how the way in which its articles are constructed combines the subtle art of creative storytelling and providing a source of legitimate information for its readers.

I met students who worked at other newspapers across the nation, and we shared ideas and topics. I listened to conference speakers discuss the benefits of journalistic writing: how it can praise; how it can expose; what it can incite; when to take advantage of all and any of these things.

Looking back, I know that I came in to this college with a mind closed to what this subject could teach me. Now that I'm leaving, I'm thankful for what it has provided – a foundation for a life of work that enables me to meet interesting people, share untold stories, and better my understanding of a subject that I've come to passionately enjoy.

And on that note, faithful readers: thank you for taking this ride along with me. Thank you for your praise, your criticism, your affection, and your loyalty. This role will be sorely missed.

Question of the Week

What are your post-graduation plans?



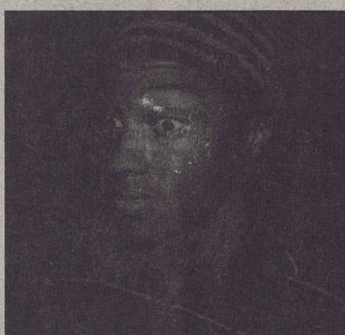
Working and then moving to Chicago
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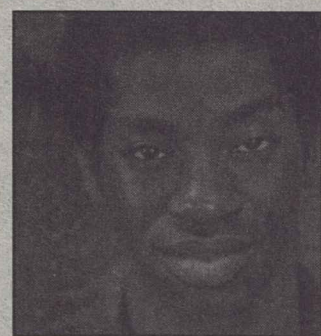
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Josh Johnson, Senior



Working for Texas Shakespeare Festival
Merwin McCrady, Senior



Doing a victory dance
Hadley Million, Senior-ish

UPs & DOWNS



Spring Awakening

Sex, Singing, Dancing? What more could we ask for?



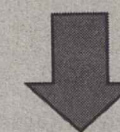
Graduation

The countdown is almost over!



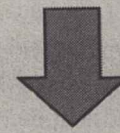
Student Appreciation Week

Thanks for the free treats and cups!



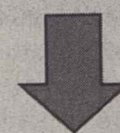
Prep and Finals Week

We hear brains exploding across campus.



Moving out

Where did all this stuff come from?



Saying Goodbye

Never know quite what to say.

Fitness Center Classes

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7:00 am	-	-	Yoga	-
7:15 am	-	Total Body	-	Total Body
11:15 am	-	ABS	-	ABS
Noon	Pilates	Yoga	Pilates	Yoga
4:35 pm	-	-	-	-
5:00 pm	-	-	Boot Camp	-
5:30 pm	-	Cycling	-	Turbo Kick
6:00 pm	Zumba-	Zumba-		

Spring Hours

Mon-Thu: 6am - 10pm
Fri: 6am - 6pm
Sat: Noon - 6pm
Sun: 2pm - 6pm

Pool Hours

Mon-Fri: 11am - 2pm
Mon Night: 8pm - 10pm
Wed Night: 6pm - 10pm
Sat & Sun: 2pm - 6pm

NEWS

How to Avoid the Honor Court: A Few Friendly Tips

Jeridan Green
Associate Justice of the
Honor Court

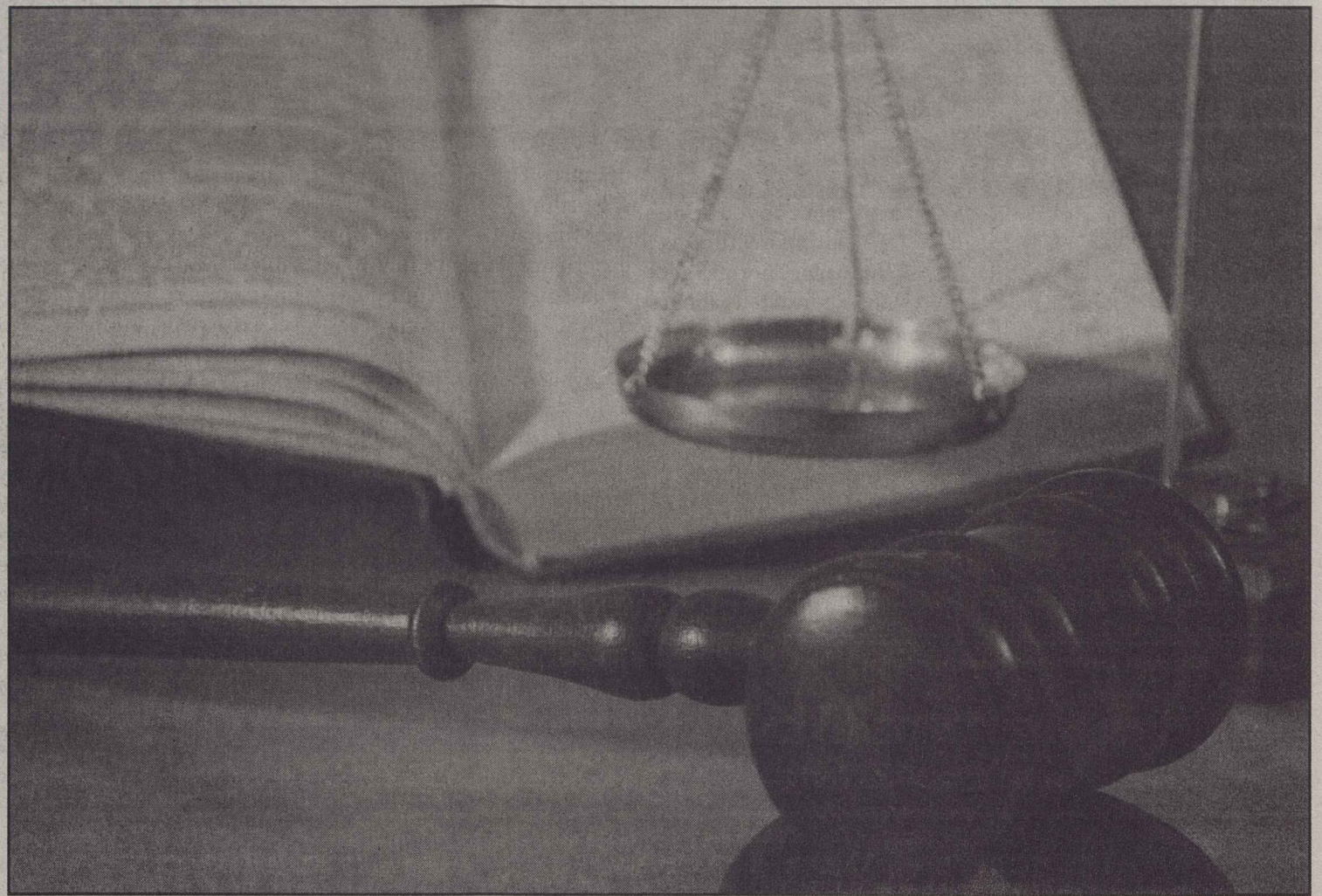
Since August of this school year, the Honor Court evaluated 32 cases, of those cases, 26 were guilty.

The punishments ranged from F in the course, 0 on the assignment, F on the assignment, or redo the assignment with maximum grade decided by the professor. The Court only recommends someone for expulsion if the accused was found guilty for the second time.

All of this report sounds very harsh right now, and to a certain degree, it is harsh. The Honor Court sets out in the beginning of the year to truly decipher guilt or innocence in each case and makes it a priority to give speedy responses as well as accurate decisions on the case, as set out by our constitution (which you can find online at <http://www.centenary.edu/handbook/honor>).

Within the constitution, Article VI and Article VII clearly state what the student's responsibility entails as well as what the grounds for conviction for which the Honor Court looks. If you ever have any questions about the Honor Court, please ask a justice of the Honor Court or look up the Constitution (it is all laid out!)

Because the Honor Court would rather see a cheating and plagiarism free campus, I thought I would share some friendly tips on how



to avoid the Honor Court.

How to Avoid Accusation Plagiarism

- ALWAYS ask the professor if you have any questions about where to find sources and how to cite sources if you are confused.

- NEVER copy and paste - even if you are quoting, it would be better to look and type rather than copy and paste, just so you are intentional with your citing.

- WHEN IN DOUBT CITE - there is a thing called over-citing, but it is far better

to over-cite than to under-cite

- Turning in a paper that you wrote for another class without permission from your teacher is a form of plagiarism (Article VII Section Two).

- Follow all the specifications of the assignment, failing to do so could be a violation in the Professor's eyes (Article VII Section Two).

- Finally, taking ideas, pictures or any other material is plagiarism (it's not just words!) (Article VII Section Two).

How to Avoid Accusation of Cheating on a Test

- ALWAYS ask your professor if you can study old tests, talk to your peers, or work with others while studying and if it is a take-home exam. Also ask your professor if you can go to the restroom or not during exams.

- Turn your cell phone off, or better yet don't bring it into the test at all!

- Once the test starts, don't look around the room, if you have to take your eyes off of your own test look up

at the ceiling so you are obviously not looking around

- Try not to rummage in your personal belongings once the test begins, 1. It is distracting to others and 2. It can look suspicious.

These are just a few tips on how to avoid meeting the Honor Court. Although we are all friendly people, we would rather not see you in front of us for violating the Honor Code.

Good Luck Studying for Finals!

TKE raises funds for St. Jude



Sam Chigumira
TKE Vice President

As students we all know how stressful finals can be on our body and mind, so what better than a delicious food break? Your Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity (TKE) chapter here at centenary is giving an opportunity to do just that and help kids with cancer at the same time by supporting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

April 26th from 4-8 p.m.

at Raising Canes, go support and say you are with TKE and 15% of proceeds will go directly to our cause.

Don't like chicken? Don't worry, we're way ahead of you. All day on April 30th at Orange Leaf at the Boardwalk in Bossier 15% of proceeds will go towards St. Jude, as well.

Don't feel like spending the gas to go that far for delicious yogurt? We thought about that, too; all day on May 2nd at Orange Leaf on

Youree Drive 15% will go toward our cause.

Why support Saint Jude's and how will you know the money is used properly? Chapters of TKE across the country raise funds to support the dream of a fellow TKE Danny Thomas, founder of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital that "no child should die in the dawn of life."

Currently, the fraternity as a whole is in a 5-year commitment to raise \$1 million towards the naming of an MRI suite in the Chili's Care Center on the St. Jude campus. During the last academic year, more than 50 TKE chapters hosted events for St. Jude and raised more than \$100,000.

Now it's our turn at Centenary College to do our part in support of this cause. So, when you're hungry April 26th, 30th, and May 2nd, grab a friend or ask a TKE for a ride and go eat some awesome food because you won't feel guilty about that extra study snack.

COUNTDOWN 2 COMMENCEMENT

UPCOMING DATES

SENIOR WEEK ACTIVITIES - April 30th - May 4th

Schedule online at:

centenary.edu/classof2012/week

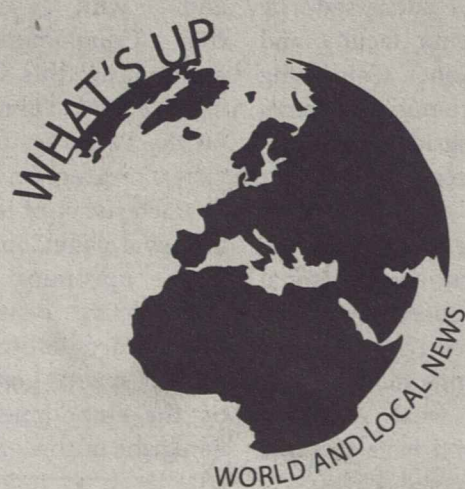
(Includes Cap & Gown Pick-up Dates and Times)

COMMENCEMENT PREVIEW - Friday, May 4th

10-11:30am @ Brown Chapel

COMMENCEMENT - Saturday, May 5th

10:30am @ Gold Dome



Sweden

A group representing Swedes of African descent has called for Lena Adelsohn Liljeroth to resign over that it called a racist caricature. But Liljeroth defended her participation, saying the cake was designed to "challenge the traditional image of racism."



South Africa

South Africans woke up on Wednesday morning to the claim that a group of Soweto youths had filmed themselves raping a 17-year-old girl believed to be mentally ill.



Texas

A nurse accused of killing a Texas mother in a parking lot and stealing her 3-day-old son had suffered a miscarriage and believed she needed to show her fiancé that she had a child, authorities said Wednesday.



America

The Obama administration tightened regulations on the oil and gas industry Wednesday, requiring drillers to capture emissions of certain air pollutants from new wells.

NEWS

Media Heads for 2012-2013

KSCL: Cara Lavendar



Class: (Half Junior/Half Senior):
Major: Music major/psychology minor
Activities: KSCL!!!! VOX-Planned Parenthood, Outreach, Safe Zone Training

What experience do you bring to KSCL? During my time as Station Manager I hope to get more people excited about the radio station both in the community and our campus. What do you like most about KSCL? KSCL is the only organization that runs 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. The KSCL-ians work hard to keep the station up and running while speaking out to people all around the world (we stream online to anywhere with an internet connection). I love KSCL

because it gives people the opportunity to have air-time without having to have prior experience. Plus, it's fun.

What are some of your goals for KSCL in the coming year? My major goal is appealing to students again. This past year we have had a lot of community interest with a drop in student interest.

What do you think your greatest challenge will be? Probably finding creative ways to get students involved with radio shows. Since everyone is so busy all the time, students feel that they

don't have time to do a radio show, but seriously, its two hours a week.

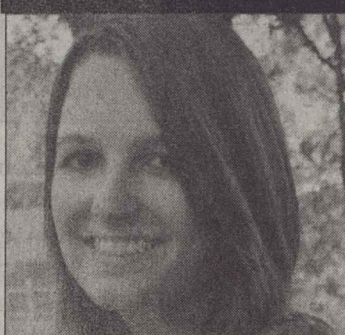
How do you view KSCL's role on campus? I think KSCL is extremely important to Centenary's campus because we are able to broadcast to tons of people about events that students are heading. We also interact heavily with the community because we are a city wide radio station. We have a presence at music festivals and the maker's fairs in Shreveport, and network for the college at these events. KSCL acts

as a medium for students to communicate their ideas and musical interests out to a more broad population.

If your medium was an animal, what would it be and why? KSCL would be a sea cucumber. I don't know why. It just would.

Anything else you'd like to share with the students? Any student is welcome at the station. There are paid positions available (everyone loves money), and DJ positions. Apply online at kscl.fm!!!!

Film Society: Krista McKinney



Class: Junior (about to be senior)
Major: Comm-Film and Studio Art
Activities: Being a Hufflepuff
What experience do you bring to Film Society? One year of serving as student director, and participation in multiple film programs throughout my life.

What do you like most about Film Society? Free tickets at Robinson Film Center!

What are some of your goals for Film Society in the coming year? Cater our series more directly toward student interests and make the films we're showing more known around campus.

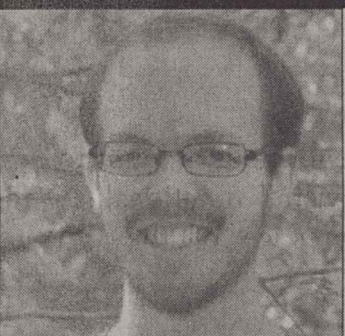
What do you think your greatest challenge will be?

Generating interest in our series in addition to the free tickets.

How do you view Film Society's role on campus? Film Society not only covers the student tickets at Robinson Film Center, but also selects a film series that's relevant to classes and departments across campus. If Film Society was an

animal, what would it be and why? Uggie, the dog from the Artist, because we entertain! Anything else you'd like to share with the students? Go to Robinson and come to Film Society!!

Pandora: Charles Madden



Class: Rising Senior
Major: Studio Art and Chemistry

Activities: Involved in CAB, SGA, Theta Chi, Men's Discussion Group

What experience do you bring to Pandora? I'm a dedicated worker, I have helped produce an Art magazine before, so I'm used to personally asking people to submit their art work. I also have a growing background in design which I think will help out a lot when dealing

with layout for the magazine. What do you like most about Pandora? Its focus on the arts. Art is an area of campus that is not very well promoted and I'm very glad we have a magazine that has the potential to promote students' work. I also think it has great potential to provide more services to students than it currently is doing.

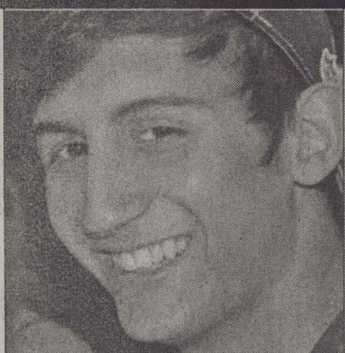
What are some of your goals for Pandora in the coming

year? Two of my main goals are to get a functional website and an App. It's the digital age, and I feel like this would be a great benefit to Pandora by allowing it to be a more noticeable medium on Centenary's campus. I would also like to expand what Pandora does for the students past the magazine. These ideas are still in the works.

What do you think your

greatest challenge will be? Getting an App together that is effective. It's going to take lots of planning. How do you view Pandora's role on campus? I feel that it should promote the arts here on campus. We have such a naturally beautiful campus, but I think we could do even more to bring student art work outside of Jackson and Turner and into other buildings on campus.

Yoncopin: Aaron Martin



Class: Sophomore
Major: Communication
Activities: Yoncopin

What experience do you

bring to Yoncopin?

I was a member of my high school yearbook staff four three years, acting as Chief Photographer for two of those years. I have also been a part of the Yoncopin staff this past year.

What do you like most about Yoncopin?

I think Yoncopin (as is the case with all yearbooks) really brings something great to the student body-- a book

of memories highlighting experiences from our time at Centenary. It's something tangible that we can open years from now and really relive our time here.

What are some of your goals for Yoncopin in the coming year?

I'm hoping to have our General Staff grow! Putting out a yearbook is a lot of work, and with a larger staff I think Yoncopin will really be able to flourish and publish a book the student body can be

proud of.

What do you think your greatest challenge will be?

While I have this goal of trying to expand Yoncopin, I also think it will be a big challenge because of Centenary's small student population.

How do you view Yoncopin's role on campus?

As mentioned before, Yoncopin is really all about preserving our time here at Centenary. I guess you could say it's Centenary's time

capsule.

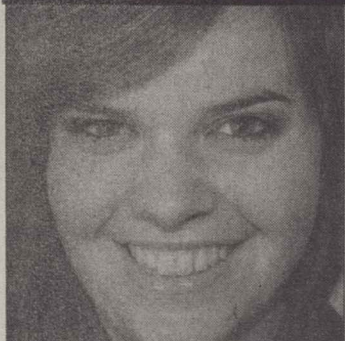
If Yoncopin was an animal, what would it be and why?

I'd have to say some sort of tortoise-- much like books (more specifically yearbooks), tortoises have long life spans!

Anything else you'd like to share with the students?

We're hiring! If you or anyone you may know is interested in joining our staff, please contact me at amartin@my.centenary.edu.

Conglomerate: Andrea Violet



Class: of 2013
Major: Accounting and Business
Activities: things we do for fun? - dancing and listening to music

What experience do you bring to the Conglomerate? I have held multiple positions with the paper over the last two academic years, so I have seen many different sides of the production of the paper. My business experience will be my main contribution to the paper. The ability to run all sides of the paper efficiently and effectively will aid the overall

success. The individuals behind the Conglomerate are a team, who all bring their own personal strengths and talents to the table. My business background will give me the ability to help each of these individuals pinpoint their greatest talent and strength and improve upon it. With a highly competent and motivated team, the Conglomerate is set to prosper in the coming academic year.

What do you like most about the Conglomerate? The thing I like most about the Conglomerate is the core principle that it is a paper "by the students, for the students". It gives the students a way for their voices and concerns to be published and heard, and embodies the concerns, goals, and tribulations of the student body as a whole.

What are some of your goals

for the Conglomerate in the coming year? The main goal for the upcoming academic year is for the Conglomerate to undergo a technological revolution. We have seen, with the events on campus as of late, the increasing need to be able to publish factual information on demand. We will be taking steps to redesign our website to become more user friendly. This step will be accompanied by steps to develop a social media presence, and a presence in the world of smart phone applications.

What do you think your greatest challenge will be? The greatest challenge the Conglomerate will face is the publication and advertisement of newly developed features to the paper. This is accompanied by another challenge, which will be to ensure that the students are getting the information that they both want and

need out of the paper and that the Conglomerate is serving its role of retrieving and effectively expressing students' opinions and concerns.

How do you view the Conglomerate's role on campus? The Conglomerate's role on campus is to provide arts/entertainment and news articles and material to the readers in both an efficient and effective manner. We exist to be a platform for the students to have their issues heard and addressed by fellow students, faculty, and administration. Coinciding with this, we publish factual news alongside opinion/editorial pieces in order for the readers of the paper to be well informed in order to develop their own personal platforms concerning issues that are raised.

If the Conglomerate was an animal, what would it be and why? I have to say, I

believe that the goal of the Conglomerate is to embody two different animals and for entirely different reasons. The first would be the tiger. The ferocity and fearlessness of the tiger expresses the ability of writers to go after a story, get all of the details, and put together a compelling story that delivers the cold, hard facts to readers without hesitation drawn from fear of "stepping on toes". Fair and balanced news is what our readers deserve, and with fearlessness the Conglomerate will accomplish this objective. The second animal would be the Peregrine falcon, the fastest creature on earth. The characteristics of this animal are a goal of the Conglomerate in the upcoming year. The ability to get news out and keep readers informed at the fastest speed possible will be the embodiment of the Peregrine falcon.

NEWS

Hazing: The Division Between Animal and Human

Andrea Labor
News Editor
Opinion/Editorial

Hazing. This is the issue that lies just beneath the surface of a lot of campus gossip.

From high school and college to the military this has always been an issue that has been guarded by the "don't ask, don't tell" mantra.

The trepidations most individuals have toward turning in those responsible for hazing incidents lie somewhere in the valley between two mountains.

These two mountains are the hopeful gain of popularity or recognition in the eyes of those individuals committing the hazing and fear of punishment for "blowing the whistle" by those committing the hazing.

These two mountains represent the animalistic instinct we subconsciously retain as humans to be accepted and to gain power.

The differentiation between our thoughts and actions as humans and animals behavior is that, as humans, we have the cognitive ability to surpass these animalistic instincts and behave in accordance with civil society's perception of ethics and morals.

We are taught as we grow older to play nice with other kids, to learn

to share, and to not give in to peer pressure. These lessons are inherently flawed because they do not first provide remedy to our systematic thought process, which is influenced primarily by our survival instinct.

For these lessons to have permanence, we must figure out how to move past the simple survival mechanism with which we think.

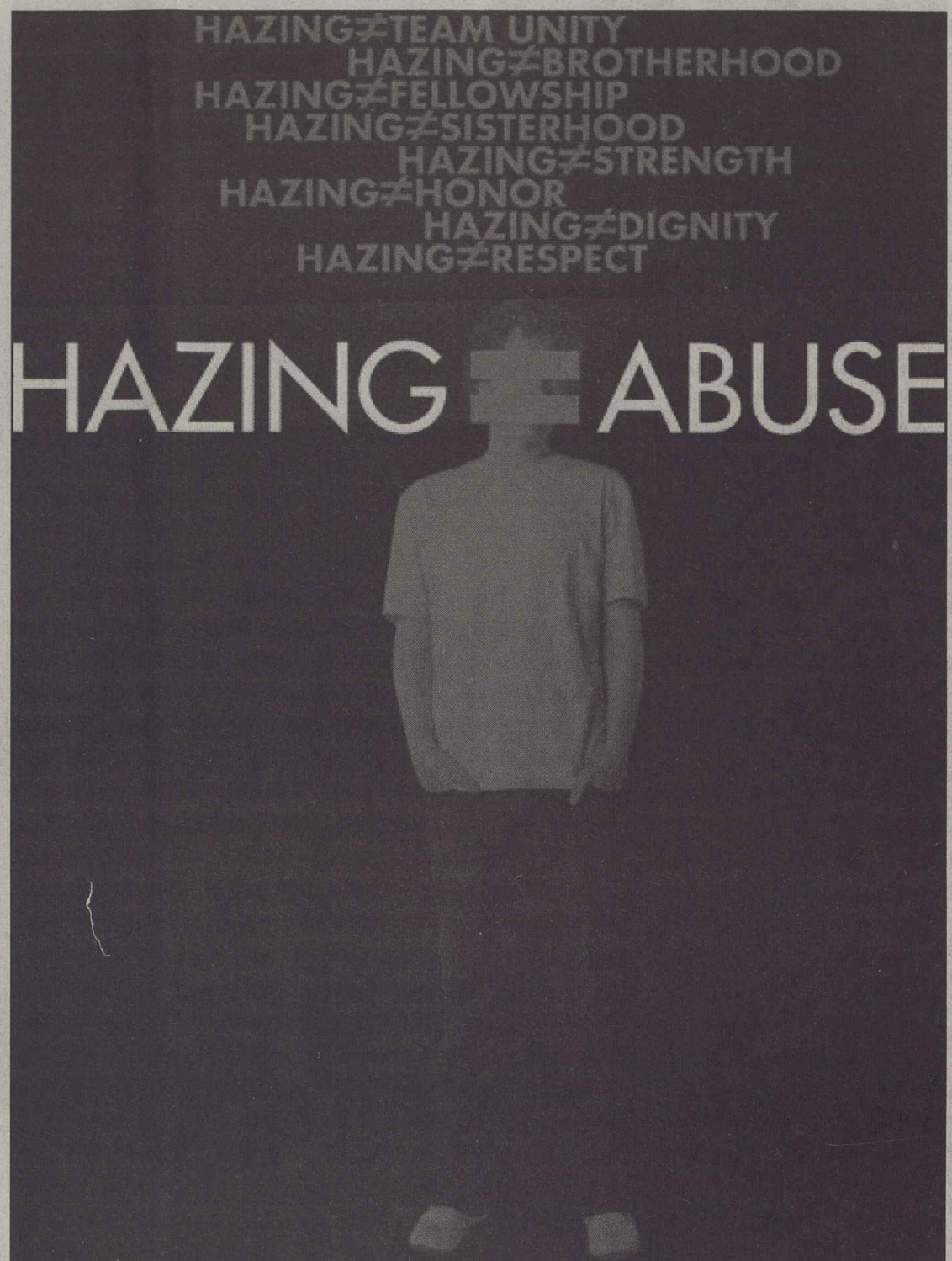
We have to be motivated enough to move past this point, and then be disciplined enough to control our actions and behaviors as they relate to these two mountains.

This motivation comes from the simple will to be not just a sheep in the crowd of society.

Letting the shepherds retain the power and blindly following in hopes to improve or maintain your current existence are two ways to remain an unmotivated member of society.

The irony of this occurs within the struggle of trying to gain acceptance or popularity. In the pursuit of this, you are still under the power of the shepherd and are still governed by the standards the shepherd has deemed will "make you worthy."

The motivation to move past this point is attained by being will-



ing to ask yourself the question: Is what I am doing helping to better myself, or society?

This discipline comes from asking this question, and then taking actions in accordance to the truthful answer to the question.

This means taking responsibility for your own actions, doing what you know is right, and maintaining your own personal code of ethics.

Holding yourself, and others, accountable for actions taken is an individual's responsibility as a member of society.

As far back as the caveman days, to the settlers of America, to our current society the classic power struggle has been an issue.

Society likes to claim that we have evolved as humans, but have we really evolved all that much? Or has the human capacity to evolve increased, and society just not decided to take on the responsibility that comes with this evolution?

The disgust towards this issue stems from the grotesque lengths these acts have been taken to.

Hazing has become an individual's way of maintaining a sick power trip over another individual, which has essentially become more acceptable in the eyes of an "evolved society" due to the nature of hazing.

If others are unaware of the disgustingly ani-

malistic behaviors going on behind closed doors, the individuals committing these acts can take action in accordance with their animalistic behaviors.

The "evolved society" will pretend that this is not occurring, because humans are evolved and we would never take part in such animalistic actions.

This is why institutions all over the country, including Centenary, are able to function normally until an incident occurs with the magnitude that demands the recognition of the issue and a public response.

Payton Bannon, Junior at Centenary College had this to say "I firmly believe that the Greek community is one of the best things Centenary has going for it with our high GPAs, involvement, and leadership throughout the campus. I am confused as to why there is very little support and interest in the Greek community from the administration when we give so much back to Centenary."

She then said, "I think certain situations could be prevented if the administration had a more proactive approach about Greek life and offered more support. Perhaps, then we would be preventing situations instead of reacting to them."

Alongside the Greek perspective, the rest of the student body on

campus contributes an enormous amount to the overall functionality and prestige of the institution. Which is one of the reasons that the blame should not solely lie with the college students.

While blame does lie with those who commit the hazing acts, a certain degree of blame also lies with those who are aware of a problem but do not begin taking steps to alleviate the issue.

The lack of a proactive strategy by institutions across the country contributes to the theory that these ideas apply to individuals of all ages, because the internal instinct that is the initial driving force behind decisions made is present in humans of all ages.

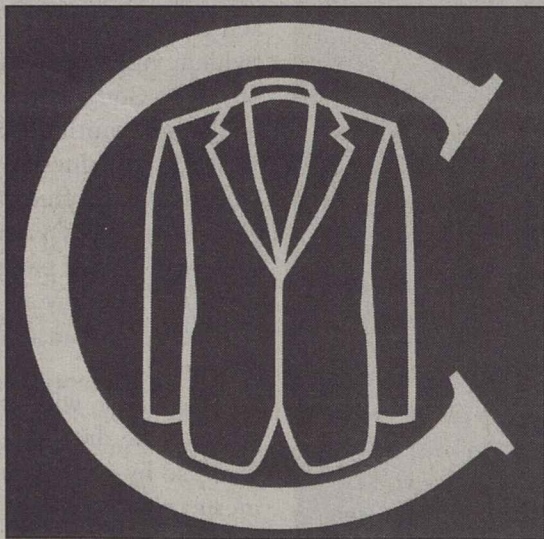
Society knows that the systematic way we think as humans can cause problems.

Some individuals are not willing to admit and accept that, which is why society is stuck in the valley between two mountains.

Now you need to determine where you will reside.

Will you blindly follow the crowd of society and stay in the valley forever?

Or will you break from the crowd, hop the next jet the heck out of that valley, and try to actually make a difference and contribute to the world around you?



Congratulations 2012-2013 Maroon Jackets!

Alex Larsen	Kendall Hughes
Anuj Chaniyara	Krista McKinney
Austin Rinehart	Kyle Kraemer
Chad Nelson	Madeline Fechter
Charles Madden	Melanie Queen
Courtney Cleveland	Morgan Brewton
Harry Chiang	Nicki Escott
Isadora Bickham	Nicolette Rogers
Jay Frazier	Payton Bannon
Jeridan Green	Rachel Grinnell
Josh Scott	Taylor Sparks
Justine Kemp	Thomas Keys
Kate Rivers	

Directing II Class Presents “Before the Dawn”

Erika Lunsford
Staff Writer

As a final project, the Directing II class here at Centenary was to split into pairs and co-direct small pieces for the Scratchpad New Play Festival. Unfortunately, due to a lack of scripts, the class was unable to undertake this project.

After much discussion, the class decided to collaborate on one major project as a whole. And thus, *Before the Dawn* was born.

Written by senior English major, Erika Lunsford—yours truly—*Before the Dawn* is a new play the Directing II class has decided to present as a staged reading at the end of the semester.

This hard-edged, full-length play follows a young woman, Evangaline St. Claire, who copes with her friend Sienna's tragic home life and attempts to help her through tough times.

The project requires each member of the Directing II class to take on a very specific role as they tackle the play.

B.J. Acosta and Daniel Proveaux will co-direct the piece. When asked how he feels about the project, Acosta said, “I think this play has a lot of strength and love, and it will really surprise the audience with how resilient these two young women are as they deal with the issues they face.”

Proveaux said, “I'm really excited about this project. The cast is really excited



about it as well, and I think it's going to turn out great.”

The playwright, Lunsford, is aided as she workshops the piece with the class, helping flush out the characters to make them as much flesh and bone as possible.

Andrew Wood's role is dramaturg. Wood said, “I

don't think many people really know what a dramaturg is, but it's an important part of any production.” His job is to head up research on the work, its characters, possible terms, etc.

The Stage Manager position is given to Amanda Proctor. Her organization and coordination of the re-

hearsals and final production help everyone remain on the same page. She's the “go-to” between other production team members.

Josh Johnson heads lighting design, sound design and publicity belong to Eric Ball, and Marion Paton is in charge of Costume and Set design.

Before the Dawn will be performed as a staged reading on Friday, April 27 at 7:00pm. Admission is free to the public. Come see this new play by one of Centenary's own!

A Million Reasons: *It's Hard to Say Goodbye*



Hadley Million
Layout Editor
Opinion/Editorial

As this semester comes to a close I find myself becoming increasingly more sensitive to the fact that half my friends will be gone next semester. I also find it bitter-sweet that I will no longer be an RA, living on campus, or layout editor of the newspaper next semester. Good riddance!

No longer will I have to deal with drunken freshmen on my floor. Strange smells will cease to violate my nostrils as I innocently walk down my hall to get a sip of water from the rusty water fountain. Goodbye, random noises at three o'clock in the morning, and more spe-

cifically, fire alarms on April Fool's day because somehow it's funny to wake up a whole building at four in the morning. No more night sweats due to strange climate control decisions. Farewell, smelly couches in James Lobby; your stench of Taco Bell and butts will not be missed.

Reem Abo-Zahrah will no longer live a mere ten yards away from me. My eyebrows will go un-plucked for days on end, and I will probably commit the unforgivable act of wearing gray on gray. Who will be here to tell me they think I'm pretty after not showering for four days? What perfume will I steal when I find myself smelling particularly salty? I will never forget you Sasquatch. And

no, that's not a Pokemon.

Without Jenna Squyres “lady-balls” will become a thing of the past that I will only vaguely remember. I'll no longer be anyone else's logical rock to come to with a crisis. Nor will I be able to make “I Love You, Man” quotes and be embraced for my clever allusion: “Want to take a ride on my jetpack?”

What the heck am I going to do without the sly words of Ashley Lynch? There will be no one I can give a knowing look to in class and immediately know we have the same thoughts. No more intimate hugs resulting in my head being shoved in the pectoral region that results in passersby feeling slightly awkward and violated at the scene before

their eyes. Oh, and waffles.

It will be joyous to no longer wait for people to submit articles in order for me to get my job done during newspaper layout. Stretching tiny pictures to fit in the designated space will be a thing of the past. The awesome music from the Pandora's David Bowie station will be sorely missed. I'm sad to say goodbye to the endless berating of Daniel Proveaux anytime he complains about his troublesome life and his “hard” work. I'll miss you, Danny boy.

Singing Beyonce or any other high-pitched singer with Ashley Lynch is a void I will never be able to fill. I will miss Marquette LaForest's useless effort to encourage

a long overdue bowel movement by sitting on my stomach or rubbing my belly. My hidden vulgarities throughout the Conglomerate will no longer continue. Snatch. When my Wednesday nights are completely free of Conglomerate stress I will look back with a slight pang. Good times were had by all, except for Daniel because he's always mad.

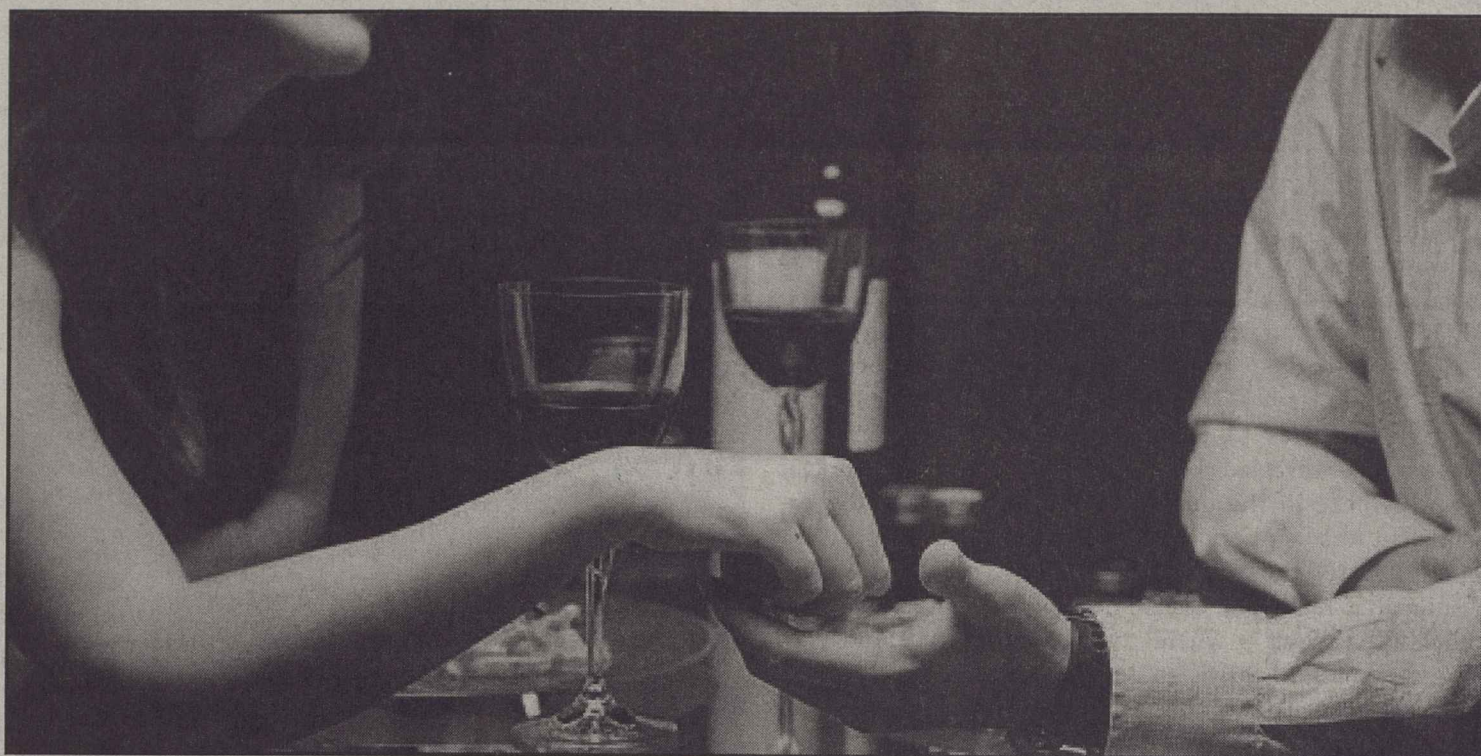
Luckily, I will narrowly escape the dreaded tuition increase by graduating a semester early. Whew. Oh, and I won't be forced to live on campus in 2016 because I'll have peaced out of this place by then.

At the end of this semester you will probably find me holed-up in a dark corner rocking myself as I attempt to write six papers within the next two weeks. I will miss the many papers I've been forced to write over the past years and the endless amount of hours I've taken to get me to where I am. I can genuinely say, without the English Department faculty I would not be where I am today. Comma splices are still occurring, to my teachers' disdain, but I can firmly say Centenary's amazing faculty has put a lot of new ideas in my head. I appreciate you all for helping me deal with my random panic attacks when it comes to scheduling. At the end of the semester I will definitely miss you all. So for now, I bid you Adieu.

A&E

E-rogenous Zone:

Nine Dating Screw-ups Women Don't Realize They're Making



Emilia Wilcox
Staff Writer

Opinion/Editorial

Ladies, we pride ourselves in knowing what turns a guy off: such as telling your date Dennis Rodman dresses better than he does or insisting he meet your parents after just one date.

But there are traits guys tend to hone in on when deciding if you're the one. Let's start with the obvious:

1. Being Too Available

This doesn't mean be as inaccessible as Mt. Everest, but show a little resistance whenever your man sends an invite. Most guys think it's a turn off when a woman is practically waiting by the phone.

Take Joe, a student here at Centenary, for example: "When women I like are always available, I know there isn't anything to work for. I knew I always had a back-up date, but I want a challenge when dating someone."

Ladies, the more you enjoy your own life, the more he'll be interested in you.

2. Trying to

Rehabilitate a Bad Boy
We've all been there.

He's a broken, and you want to fix him. Unfortunately, it's better to be alone than with someone who treats you poorly. Instead of giving that toxic relationship "one more shot because he's really good on the inside," know when to cut your losses and be baggage-free so you can find Mr. Right.

3. Looking for Perfection

Let's face it: nobody's perfect! You don't have to settle, but sorting out desire from deal-breaker will help you find a better love life.

"There are some qualities your mate should have, such as honesty, but wishing he looked like a movie-star qualifies for the 'would-be-nice' category," said Dr. Elizabeth Lombardi, author of *A Happy You: Your Ultimate Prescription for Happiness*.

Sit down and realistically decide which characteristics are nonnegotiable and be open-minded about all the rest.

4. Knowing his

Threadcount Before
His Phone Number

There's nothing wrong with sexing up a stranger, but it's definitely not the way to go if you're looking for a long-term commitment.

No one says it better than Gilles Marini (Samantha's super-sexy neighbor in *Sex and the City: the Movie*).

"Men love women who respect themselves and who don't rush into bed... but start to gain an understanding of each other and then decide whether or not to take things further. Women need to know taking it slow and getting to know one another is the best way to get into a good relationship," Marini said.

Now to move on to the more subtle mistakes women make, and you won't believe how nit-picky it gets!

5. Wearing Smoky Eyeshadow on the First Date

Men see this as high-maintenance, and they want someone to take care of them (not the other way around). Also, that heavy makeup could get on clothing—or sheets, if it goes that far—and

they don't do much laundry.

Skip the heavy eye makeup on the first few dates. Try something a little more subtle because he's more interested in how you really look, not what you look like with clown makeup on!

6. Still No Kiss by the Third Date

By date number three, guys want a little reward for all the time and investment they've put in the first few dates. If you haven't let him get to first base by then, he's starting to wonder if he's ever going to get to kiss you.

Give him a little affection. It can be a short kiss goodnight or a full-on make-out session. And if you're uncomfortable with taking it too far, sit him down and lay out your expectations according to your feelings.

7. You Say You Can't Cook

First of all, ladies, these words should never leave your mouth, regardless of whether they're true or not. And no matter how bad of a cook you really are, chances are you're probably better than him.

Spring Awakening, from page 1

Jodie Glorioso. These women added depth and conflict to this "coming-of-age" story. They expose the audience to issues of child abuse and trauma, cutting deep with their soulful harmonizing.

The men in the play—Hanschen/Ulbrecht, Ernst/Reinhold, Otto/Dieter, Georg, Rupert, and Adult Man—were performed by (in order) B.J. Acosta, David Burch, Merwin McCrady, Nathan Gauthier, Josh Rabalais, and Tom Serio. The young men offered a sort of camaraderie and showcased the pressure of authority and control.

When the ensemble sang together, their singing was moving and thoughtful as they struggled with finding truth in their society. Also, when the girls were singing together, it was beautiful and heartfelt. On a slightly negative note, the men did not do so well singing together. A few performers in particular might need to take lessons on singing in tune, but this did not in any way detract from the play as a whole.

The entire performance overall was phenomenal and heart-wrenching to watch, with joy, sadness, fear, and strength being experienced as the audience watches the journey of these adolescents.

If you haven't seen this show already, I highly recommend it! It would be a tragedy to miss this amazing performance of *Spring Awakening*. It's the best work, by far, MLP has produced. This performance allows MLP to go out with a "Bang!" as their final, full, mainstage production for the year.

Spring Awakening will continue to run from Thursday, April 19 until Saturday, April 21 at 8:00pm. To reserve tickets or for additional information, contact the MLP box office at 318-869-5242. Due to the nature and content of the show, it is rated NC-17.

Centenary students, faculty, and staff receive on free ticket with Centenary I.D. Adult tickets are \$18, Senior and active military discounted tickets are \$15, and children's tickets (under 12) and students are \$12.

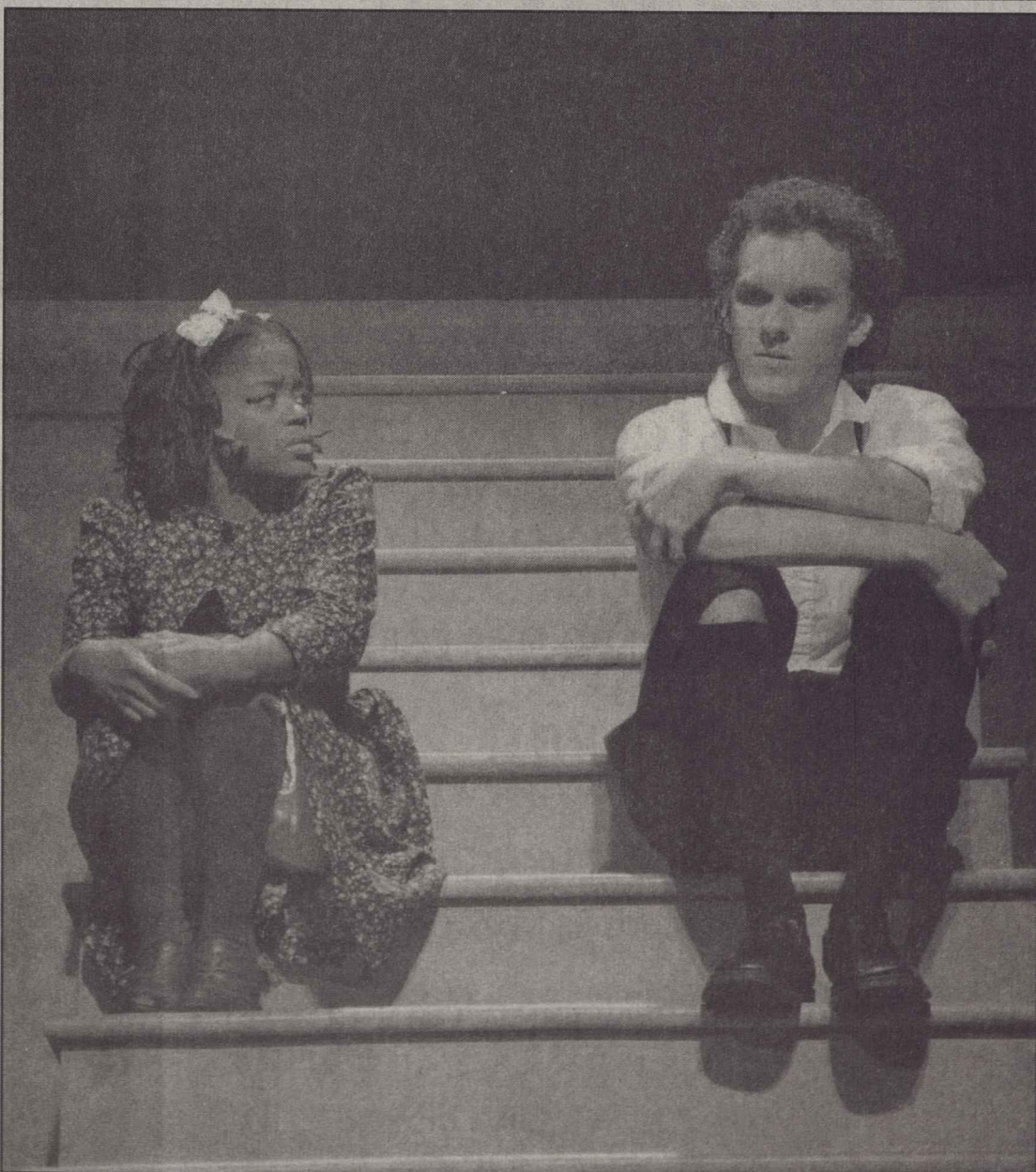


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“Titanic 3D” released for 100th anniversary, draws in avid fans

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Opinion/Editorial

The White Star Line invites you to board the R.M.S. Titanic in the near future, as they appear to be handing out boarding passes with your movie theater ticket stubs.

As someone who had never had the opportunity to witness this James Cameron classic on the big screen, I was a shoe-in passenger. Luckily, the film's popularity stretches far, as my company of two French women and one Danish lady can attest.

For the 4p.m. Sunday showing, there were only 8 people in the theater when the movie started, including us.

The 3D rendition was as one might expect a film that wasn't intended for 3D to turn out; there were scenes where you could certainly notice the effect, but, for the most part, paying

for glasses seemed like an unnecessary expenditure.

For a while, the title scene, where the bold, golden letters of the movie's namesake flew out from the display, seemed to be the only impressive moment between the film's open and its close — in 3D, anyway. Taking off my glasses to wipe at a smudge revealed very little difference in the quality of what was being shown.

Of course, the part of the film that really shines is probably the segment where viewers simultaneously do and don't want it to — once the ship begins to sink. Moments that were already very heavy on the heart become even more so, as floating bodies seem to move toward the audience and the thundering Atlantic water appears to flood out from the screen.

Naturally, key scenes from my childhood viewings of the VHS boxed set (you know — the one where you

were required to remove tape 1 and replace it with tape 2 to witness what happens after the ship collides with the 'berg?) translated very well in the theater. Heartrending musical scores and never-let-you-go promises still jerked as many tears, if not more. This movie begs to be seen on a screen larger than any typically found in one's house.

But what made the experience notable for me wasn't so much the addition of 3D but a duo that were sitting behind us.

Normally, I'm not a fan of movie theater chatter or noise. But for this instance, hearing gasps and utterances at all the right moments and the occasional whispered question to one another contributed to a new, fresh sense of watching an old favorite. Their enjoyment enhanced my enjoyment, and I relived the classic through what I presumed to be their first time seeing it — a notion that I felt certain of when I heard statements like, “What did he do?” and “Ha! She has her eyes closed!”

By the time the credits rolled, I'd convinced myself that I had to ask if they had ever seen “Titanic” before, preparing myself to be utterly shocked at their response.

“Oh, yes!” said 66-year-old Dr. Dan Gibbs, speaking for both him and his 91-year-old mother, Anna “Belle” Gibbs — which elicited a sigh of relief, on my part. They had definitely seen the film already.

In fact, they were here to watch it again for the 100th anniversary of the awful event: a centennial celebration that was very special to Dr. Gibbs, whose father, R.B. Gibbs, was born within a year of the date on which the famous passenger liner sank.

R. B. Gibbs, who died six days after his 99th birth-

Left: “Boarding Pass” handed out with ticket stubs to “Titanic 3D.”



Dr. Dan Gibbs, with his mother, Anna “Belle” Gibbs, shortly after seeing “Titanic 3D.”

day in May, 2010, was born on May 1, 1911 — 50 weeks before the Titanic's sinking on April 15, 1912.

“As an avid Titanic fan, my associating Dad's birth date with the sinking made it all the more real, a more understandable ‘human’ tragedy,” he said.

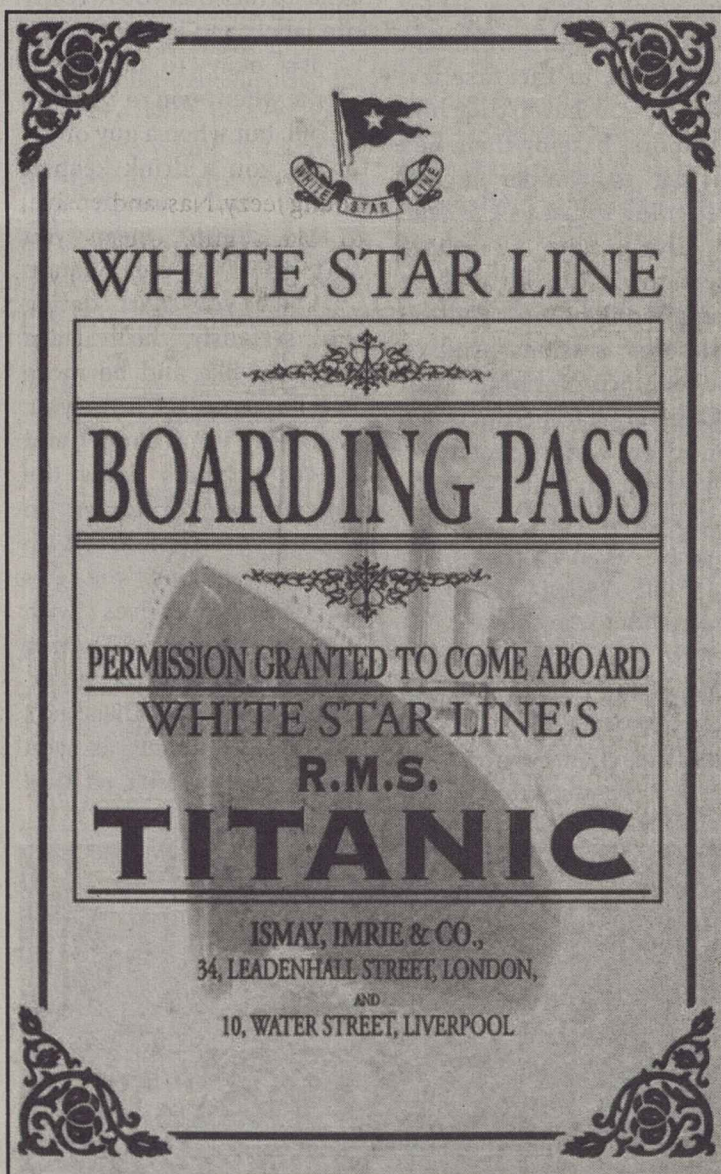
And an avid Titanic fan he is; Dr. Gibbs, a 1972 graduate of Centenary and alumnus of the Centenary Choir, has collected books, visited museums, and watched New York musical renditions of the famous shipwreck, noting that there is “Never enough of Titanic!”

When he first saw the film in theaters, his father was among the company who was able to share the moment with him, which brought about a sense of déjà vu for him after catching this most recent version.

Seeing Titanic with Mom [on the 100th anniversary] seemed, to me anyway, a fitting way to remember and honor, not just the Titanic tragedy, but also Dad, who himself built models of ships as one of his many, many interesting hobbies — though none as large as the Titanic!” he said.

If you've never seen the movie before, catching it on the big screen is certainly a worthwhile investment — one that's also worth making if, despite wearing out your VHS tapes, you've never seen it in theaters.

Though, I wouldn't recommend purchasing tickets for the sole purpose of relishing the 3D unless you're absolutely certain that watching the last hour of the movie is the only part that interests you.



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Tech News: Centenary Rolls Out New App

The Centenary App

Now available at your fingertips



Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

There is a new way for the Centenary community to keep up with Centenary news and events. Signs are posted all around campus notifying people that there is now an app that is useful for students, alumni and prospective students

on being connected to what is happening at Centenary.

The app is only available to iPhone and Android users, but a good majority of the student body owns either of those types of smart phones, so it makes sense for Centenary to have an app.

The app is meant to streamline many functions. For students, it can give them direct access to differ-

ent services on the website like Blackboard and Banner. Alumni are able to remain connected to what is happening on campus regarding big events, and prospective students can learn more about Centenary. Twitter feeds will be able to be looked at here too.

Probably one of the biggest benefits people get is "push notifications." These

are notifications that automatically alert the user of an important thing happening on campus. For example, if classes were canceled that day for whatever reason, a text notification would be sent to the mobile phone, alerting that person.

This helps create a more direct way of connecting to students instead of relying on them going to the Centenary

website on a computer. Also, specific regions can be chosen when sending an alert out, so students may not receive a notification regarding information for alumni. If notifications became too annoying, the user can turn push notifications off as well.

The app was created by a third party company known as STRAXIS and is updated by people in the Centenary External Relations department. It is easy to add content to this app, so Centenary External Relations can update things to this app pretty easily.

It is also very user friendly for everyone. Director of Strategic Communication, Margo Shideler, believes it will help "Centenary students secure information in a quick and convenient way."

The app is free for everyone, and can be downloaded from the iTunes Store or Google play.

Nicki Minaj Is the Female Weezy

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You may or may not have heard that Nicki Minaj's new album, "Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded," dropped on April 3rd. I do not usually think of Nicki in terms of her two albums. I hear her everywhere—with Rick Ross, Drake, Wayne, Big Sean, Madonna, Eminem. You cannot avoid her. She is omnipresent.

She is also paradoxical in ways we seem to gloss over. She is a sex symbol, but she will never be dominated. Her singing voice is smooth and unbroken, almost synthesized, but her rap persona is chaotic, aggressive, contorted, and raw.

Her pop songs are not afraid to deal with gooeey emotions like love and happiness, like heartbreak and even self-doubt. The thought of Nicki pacing back and forth in her dressing room struggling with the curse of fame (the image she evokes on "Marilyn Monroe") does not seem to jive with the pink wigs, the body paint, and the fake Pope escort to the Grammy's.

She is probably the third best female rapper active today (Missy Elliott and Jean Grae top my list) but she is content to sing for the better part of both her albums. Some tracks she packs hook to hook with speedy bars (the 32 bars she laid down for Kanye West's "Monster" are already hip hop canon), but on other tracks she's content to let repetition do the work for her.

I do not understand Nicki Minaj. Neither do you, if you think about it.

Her latest album begins with a bang. As I sat there and listened, I thought to myself, "Damn. Where has she been?" I frankly didn't know what to think.

The first song, "Roman Holiday," is like four songs wrapped in one. She begins by singing cartoonishly in an English accent, then the beat breaks down into something



heavy and bongo-driven (like the type of beat Ludacris would select), then some bubblegum synths drop in and the English refrain returns, she raps some more—and then she sings the first line of "Come All Ye Faithful."

She is channeling all the insane creativity that made Kanye West's "Hell of a Life" such a highlight on "My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy," only she is a much

more likable protagonist. I could not believe, by the end of that song, how much I loved the new Nicki Minaj album. Then I heard

"Come on a Cone." The beat initially recalls "Did It On 'Em," my favorite track off her first album. She spits sixteen bragalicious bars ("when you see me on 'Ellen,' just admit that I'm winning") and then breaks into, "This ice is so cold, it should come on a cone!"—which she howls again and again in an increasingly insane tone,

synths frantically picking up pace with her, and the whole beast crescendos, quiets, and returns to the hardcore minimalism of its origins.

At one point the song transforms into something greater than itself. "If you wasn't so ugly," she intones, "I'd put my d--- in your face." Then the music drops out completely, and she croons, "D--- in your faaaace! Put my d--- in your faaaace, yeaah!"

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This moment is one of the spiritual highlights of my year. At this point I'm about ready to get a Nicki tattoo on my forearm, but the album is not even ten minutes deep.

The next song, "I Am Your Leader," features Cam'ron and Rick Ross. In my opinion, that sentence alone should justify my calling it one of the greatest

hip hop events of the year.

"Beez in the Trap," featuring Atlanta up-and-comer 2 Chainz (formerly of Playaz Circle, most famous for their single "Duffle Bag Boy," which featured Lil Wayne at his best) is pure crack. I have not listened to a song three times in a row since I first got into Sleater-Kinney, but "Beez in the Trap" made a believer out of me. I am not a music video watcher

(they have always seemed like expensive wastes of time to me), but I am certain the

video is incredible. If "Beez in the Trap" does not go number one (or Mitt Romney wins in November), I may just have to move to Canada.

"HOV Lane" continues in the tradition established by the first four songs. This album is actually amping me up to go out and do something. I feel like I should finally learn how to dance.

"Roman Reloaded" features gun shot noises (which I have loved since I used to bump Dem Franchise Boyz back in the seventh grade) and Wayne having more fun than I have heard him have since he got out of prison. "Champion" features Drake, Young Jeezy, Nas, and a paean to black girls everywhere.

After this strong seven song open, I fully expected the next twelve songs to turn my brain inside out. Instead, she presents eleven anemic pop songs—think "Superbass"—followed by "Stupid Hoe." I have not heard an album this front-loaded since I stopped listening to praise and worship music.

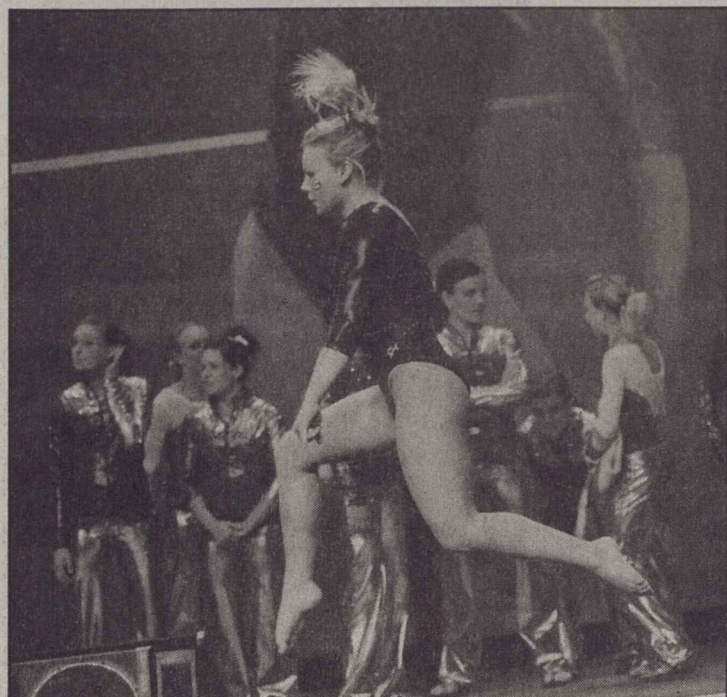
But at the end of the day, it is only front-loaded if you share my tastes. I like rap, not pop. I love the idea of Rihanna, but I really cannot stand her music. A lot of people liked "Superbass," though. So many people, in fact, that it peaked at #3 on the Billboard Hot 100. If I were a fan of sweet, pop Nicki, I think I would find this section of the album to be a goldmine. She follows a Chris Brown feature with a Bobby Valentino feature. Need I say more?

The last words on the album, which she commandingly delivers in dead silence, are "I am the female Weezy." Perhaps this is how we should interpret Nicki Minaj. Both seem to rely on a business model of extreme airwave-domination, contributing verses to anyone willing and able to cough up the six figures. Both like to sing, even though no one asked them to. Both built their brands off of mixtapes.

It is hard to say what Nicki's future will hold, but if "Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded" is any indication, I detect no ceilings to her success.

SPORTS

Ladies Wrap up the Season in Connecticut



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The Ladies wrapped up their season at the USAG collegiate National Championships. Like I described last article, this is a very long week for the team.

They arrived in Connecticut on Tuesday, the practice day for the team was Wednesday, competition day 1 was on Thursday, competition day 2 was on Friday, and individual finals were on Saturday. After the practice day the team was feeling excited and confident going into the meet.

The Ladies started day one of the competition, the team qualifier round, on the Uneven Bars. There are four teams in each session.

They started out with very strong performances from Junior Christy Martinez, Sophomore Robyn Price, Junior Jessica Liebllich, and Senior Stephanie Wright.

Unfortunately, the scoring at the meet started out a little tight, therefore these ladies did not receive the scores they were hoping for. The top marks coming from Price, with a 9.525 earning her 16th place, and Wright, with a 9.625 earning her 8th place.

They next went to the balance beam. The Centenary beam line-up is very unique with some very beautiful but challenging skills. However, when adding difficulty you take the risk of being more inconsistent.

This did not stop the Ladies from performing well. Freshman Natalie Humbert posted a 9.625, just shy of her career high, earning her 10th place. She was quickly followed by junior Jessica Liebllich with a 9.650 which received 9th place, and sophomore Ciara Maradiaga who posted a 9.700, earning her place 3rd place.

The Ladies next headed to one of their best events, the floor exercise. They had a few falls, but there were still some very promising performances from sophomores Tawnee Hadd, Maradiaga, and Price.

Hadd received a 9.675 giving her 19th place. Maradiaga's 9.725 earned her 14th place. And Price earning a 9.7 giving her 18th place. The top performance came from the Junior Meg Crowley, who received a 9.775, which earned her 6th place. She has, throughout the season, consistently been the Ladies top scorer on floor.

Finishing up on the vault the Ladies had some very high scores coming from juniors Amanda Holt and Christy Martinez. Holt posting a new career high of a 9.800 also earning her 6th place. Martinez received a 9.725 earning her 10th place.

The Ladies concluded the meet with a total of a 190.750. This was not their highest mark of the season and wasn't quite the qualifying

score they needed to make it to day two. However, the Ladies had given it their all -- and, individually, the Ladies had some very good representatives.

"I'm really proud of the way everyone competed," Fain said. "These young ladies have nothing to be ashamed of. They compete hard. They perform hard. They're a great group of girls and it's been a great season for us."

The teams that qualified for team finals were our friendly competitors Texas Women's University, the Air Force Academy, the University of Pennsylvania, and host team, University of Bridgeport.

These teams had great performances with the final results ending with first place team the University of Bridgeport with a 195.575, second was Texas Women's University earning a 193.700, taking third was the University of Pennsylvania with a 191.400, and finishing fourth out of four was the Air Force Academy with a 191.075.

The final day of competition is for the individual finalists to compete for National Champion individual title. However only the top 5 finishers from each session of the day one of competition are titled all Americans and can compete for this National

title.

From the Centenary Team we had 3 individuals qualify for second team: All Americans junior Amanda Holt on the vault, junior Meg Crowley on floor, and sophomore Robyn Price in the all around scoring a 38.400.

We also had one Lady qualify for first team All American, individual finals Sophomore Ciara Maradiaga. Ciara competed on Saturday for the championship title on the balance beam.

"We're all so proud of Ciara and how she's representing Centenary," head coach Jackie Fain said. "It's a great thing for this program to have someone competing for a National Championship. It really shows the hard work she's put in all year."

When you compete in event finals, you are going up against the top 10 best individuals on this event in the country -- talk about pressure. But this didn't stop Ciara. She performed a beautiful routine, earning a 9.775 and tying for fifth place. Way to go, Ci!

Now that the Ladies are officially in off season, they will finish up this school year and train hard over the summer to prepare for another great season next year.

Ladies Snap Skid with big Weekend Series Win



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Centenary Ladies Softball continues to be busy with its long home stand and has faced tough competitors.

The Ladies slide continued early in the week with No.8 UT-Tyler and Division I opponent Nicholls. They were able to break it this weekend with a series win over the University of Ozarks 3 games to 1.

The Ladies began on Fri-

day with a double header and played a close game 1 before exploding for eleven runs in game 2 for the sweep. The Ladies split Saturday's double header with a 7-1 loss and 5-3 victory to clench the series.

Friday's game 1 was a close one but displayed a good all-around game for the Ladies. The offense had been quiet the past few games, but the Ladies knocked 11 hits in this one, including the first of two home runs on the night by senior Kalyn Harris.

Five Ladies had multi-hit games including freshman Keya Brandon going 3-for-5, sophomore Nicole Warren and junior transfer Jessica McDonald going 3-for-4 each.

Pitching was just as good in the game as well, with sophomore Lynsi Unruh going the distance and picking up the win after giving up 2 runs on 5 hits.

Game 2 that night brought the Ladies even more offense as they exploded for 11 runs.

Harris got the big blow in this game with a grand slam, her 2nd homer of the night, to extend the Ladies lead to 10-0. Unruh went 2-for-3 and scored two runs while Warren and McDonald continued their hot afternoons with 3-for-4 nights. Brandon and Junior transfer Lauren Swift added 2 hits and an RBI apiece too.

Unruh started game 2 as well and was able to get her second win in the nightcap tossing 4.0 innings while sur-

rendering 4 runs, 3 earned, and 6 hits. Freshman Sierra Bailey finished the remaining 3 innings and kept them at bay allowing a run on 4 hits.

The Ladies were unable to continue their winning streak in game 3 of the series. Errors were the story for the Ladies in this match-up with 3 committed and leading to 5 unearned runs. Unruh pitched the distance in this one, and freshman Cadie Hancock drove in the Ladies lone run.

Game 2 Saturday looked much more similar to Friday night with a solid overall performance given. Hancock stayed hot with 2 RBIs on a two-shot for her first home run of the season. The Ladies went up early in this one carrying a 3-0 lead after two innings. Unruh got her fourth win of the season going 5.1 innings and surrendering 3 runs on 5 hits. Bailey pitched the last 1.2 and got 2 big strikeouts.

The Ladies wrap up their season this week with a final home game against LSU-Alexandria and 3 straight days of road games a double header at Millsaps, and four games at Mississippi College on Friday and Saturday.

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

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LeTourneau
Shehee Stadium
6:00 p.m.



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at Clinton, Miss.
5:00 p.m.



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at Clinton, Miss.
7:00 p.m.



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Baseball
Apr. 21
LeTourneau
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2:00 p.m.



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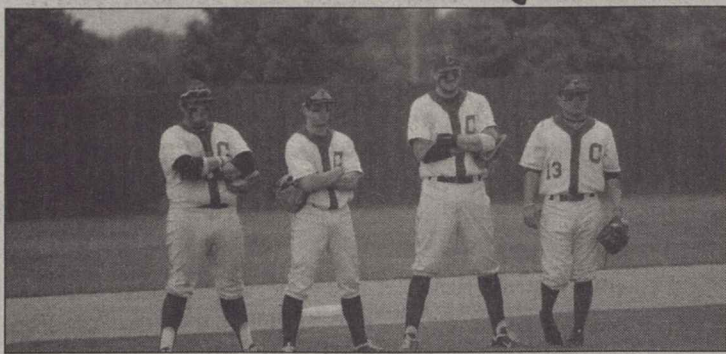
Baseball
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Shehee Stadium
6:00 p.m.



Baseball
Apr. 24
LSU-Shreveport
Shehee Stadium
7:00 p.m.

SPORTS

Centenary Baseball Finishes Season



Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

The Gents dropped their second ASC series in a row after winning the first six, dropping to 22-11 (15-8). They will return to action April 20 to begin a

three-game ASC set with LeTourneau, starting a five-game home stand to finish out the season.

Jamari James started off with a big double down the left field line in the nightcap to put the Gents on the board first in the

fifth inning. Nic Parrott kept the Comet's bats at bay until the bottom of the sixth when UT-Dallas used a two-run frame to take a 2-1 lead, but Parrott dropped to 2-1 on the season after tossing 6 and a third innings, scattering six hits. He allowed just two runs before Taylor Henry tossed the final 1 and a two thirds one-hit innings.

Marvin Prestridge moved to 8-1 with a seven-inning outing, holding the Gents to four hits and the single run. Chase

Knight tossed the eighth inning before Max Wilard earned his sixth save with a perfect final frame.

UT-Dallas dominated game one, 10-0, using a five-run sixth to close the seven-inning contest. The Comets jumped ahead 5-0 with two in the first and three in the third before the big inning.

Cole Thompson suffered the loss, dropping to 4-4 after tossing 5 1/3 innings, allowing nine hits and seven runs. Grady Flournoy tossed the final 2/3 of an inning

and gave up three runs on one hit, walking two.

Jason Fink (6-2) upped his mark with a complete-game shutout, allowing six hits. He fanned five and walked two.

Ryan Gasporra and Marc Martinez led the Gents offensively, each going 2-for-3 while Kyle Morton (1-for-3) and Craig Littleman (1-for-1, double) accounted for Centenary's two other hits.

The Gents will try to continue another streak when they come to Shehee field on the 20th of April.

Track Hits Opponents with "Flex"

Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

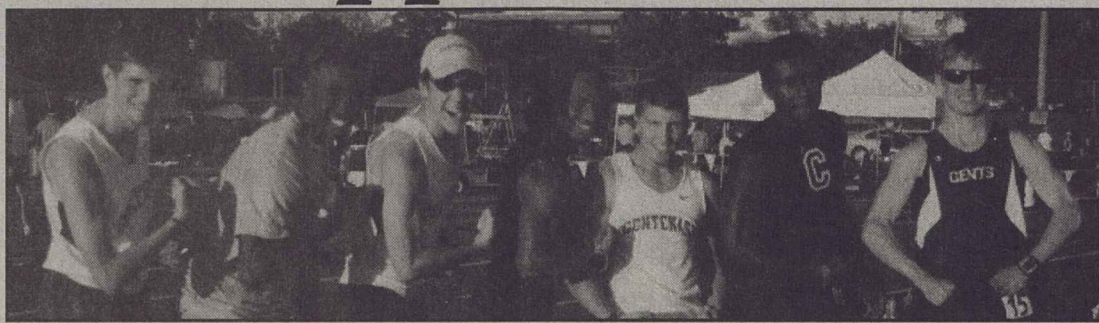
Let me start of this article by thanking our track supporters for the 2012 season. Mr. LeRoy Taylor, the families of the track athletes, our fans, the Geology Department, and senior Julianne Smoak. These people made our season very successful. Speaking of success, let me tell you about the amazing athletes that participated for Centenary's Track and Field Club.

The Gents traveled to Mississippi College during Easter weekend to compete against many Division I and talented Division III teams at the Twilight Invitational. The sprinting arsenal made of Grayson Collins and JaColby Crawford won their heats easily and both placing top ten in the overall field.

Co'ins edged a 23.23 in the open 200m race placing 15th overall. The field was very competitive with many unattached sprinters competing with the collegiate athletes.

Robert Poole displayed his 400m strength running an uncontested 53.13 in his heat. Poole recently scored on the Putnam test this year guaranteeing his acceptance into any graduate school in the nation.

Poole placed 10th overall out of 17 sprinters. Crawford



coming over from basketball and competing in his first ever track meet really showed off his natural ability and competed well against scholarship track athletes. Basketball Head Coach Adam Walsh and assistant LeBlanc do a great job with their athletes.

The mid-distance man Chad Nelson had his personal and life best in his races at the Invitational. Motivated by his great teammates, Nelson was able to place 2nd overall in the 1500m race running a 4:15.73. This is a Track and Field Club Record.

Nelson ran a smart race and passed two runners with 300 meters remaining and finishing strong securing his second place finish. Nelson quickly turned around to participate in the grueling 800m race which is two laps on the track. Running smart, Nelson stayed at the back of the pack and settled in 13th place after the first lap.

Finding another gear, Nelson dashed to out kick eight runners and placed 5th overall with an official

2:03 800m time. The 6th place finisher from Millsaps was not able to hold off Nelson's kick losing by a respectable .3 seconds.

The distance men Jonathan Martin and Miles McDonald competed in the final race of the meet in the 5,000 meter race. This race takes strategy and talent, and both of the Centenary men had what it took to finish well.

Senior Martin just came off a National Qualifying race for College Triathlons and was still recovering from a great race. He placed 8th overall with a 17:01. This is a very great race by the senior triathlete.

The junior, Miles, ran the race of his life and broke his season goal with a 16:29.31 in the 5,000 meter race. Miles ran the best race I have ever seen by closing a 200 meter gap on the 4th place Millsaps 5k stud and reeled him in with one mile remaining in the race. Miles passed the Millsaps runner with 25 meters left in the race. The great finish grabbed Miles

his season best and he ran so hard his nose began to bleed after the race. It was a truly impressive finish by Miles.

On April 13th, the Gents took their talents to East Texas in the Marc Classic in Bullard Texas. This meet was open to all participants, meaning that some professional unattached athletes ran amongst the college runners.

The day started off with the men's 4x100 meter relay that was put together by Ron Coleman, JaColby Crawford, Daniel Allen, and anchored by Grayson Collins. The men ran a striking 44.86 and placed 7th out of 9th.

The gents do not have the proper facilities to practice hand-offs and work on steps, there time is very good and will be improved next season.

Collins ran a season best 11.3 placing 1st in his heat in the open 100m placing 12th out of 30 contestants. Crawford ran a respectable 11.8 placing 2nd in his heat. Both Gents turned around and ran in the open 200m run facing the difficult

headwind and still ran well.

Collins competed hard and almost broke 23 seconds barrier with a 23.13 placing 21st overall, and Crawford ran a tough race in 24.12. Ron Coleman competed in the 110 high hurdles running a 16.48 and grabbing 6th place. Daniel Allen running the open 400 for the first time in a year ran a 55.23.

Nelson was able to run with some of the best 1500 meter runners in Texas at the Bullard meet and showed off his kick placing 4th overall with a 4:18 time. Nelson went out to win it all and was not able to hold on to the demanding pace, but muscled back with 200 meters to go and passed two runners with his impressive kick.

Nelson said, "I have been working on my kick for years, and it has finally come around. It's amazing what a little hard work can do for the body. With 200 meters left, I will not let anyone pass me. I always have an extra gear to bring me to the finish line."

Miles and Martin ran the difficult 5,000 meter race and competed with some talented runners from neighboring colleges. Miles picked runners off mile by mile and ran a 16:36 placing top 10. Martin was not far behind running a 17:10 placing in the top 20.

Athlete of the Week: Jessica Lieblich



Steven Finley
Sports Editor

Sport: Gymnastics
Classification: Junior
Position: All-around
Hometown: Maumelle, Ar
Major: Biology.
Favorite Color: Lime green.
Favorite Sports Team: Dallas Stars.
Favorite Restaurant: Chili's.
Favorite Musical Artist: Switchfoot.

Favorite TV Show: Fresh Prince of Bel Air.
Favorite Movie: Miracle.
Hobbies: Running, backpacking, camping.
What do you plan on doing after graduation: I would like to be a physician's assistant.
People you look up to: My mom and my coach. They inspire me to work hard every day and to accomplish my goals. But most importantly they inspire me to be a better

person every day.

When did you start playing or getting involved in your sport and why: I started when I was three years old. My parents saw that I was a very active child and they thought gymnastics would be perfect for me.

What goes through your head as you prepare for every game: I do mental visualization -- I picture doing all my routines in my head perfectly.

What is your most memorable moment in your career: A most memorable moment was when our team did very well at our alumni meet this year. We scored a 193, which was the highest the Centenary gymnastics team has scored since 2004! What is your least favorite thing about your sport and what is your most favorite: My least favorite thing about gymnastics is how much you

get injured due to all the pounding and over-use of your body. My most favorite is all the awesome flips you learn. It is really cool to be able to do things that not many people can do. Also I love the friendships and bonds that are formed because of this sport. My teammates are like sisters to me and I feel like I have made life-long friends. You also learn many life skills and lessons, such as perseverance, discipline, and goal setting. I think I would not be the person I am today without gymnastics.

If you could sum up your life in one song what would it be: "Live Like You Were Dying" by Tim McGraw.

What advice would you give younger athletes in your sport:

I would tell them to have fun and just try your hardest and you will succeed. You will go through many trials, but if

you remember why you love doing it in the first place you will accomplish many things. Name three things you own that describe you: My car, cross necklace, and my clothes.

What is your most over used word or phrase: "I don't know."

High School academic accomplishments, rewards or honors societies:

Beta Club; National Honors Society; Top Student award in Bible, Chemistry, and College Psychology; part of Mu Alpha Theta.

High School sports accomplishments, rewards, and placements:

Level 9 Regional champion on floor; Level 9 Western National qualifier; Level 10 regional qualifier; Level 10 State Champion.

EXTRAS

Horoscopes

Daniel Proveaux

Aries- Reading through a dictionary is the least effective way to learn more about the world. Get out there! Gun crime is said to be rising around the country. Political statistics may become important for you today, but the mystics will not be clear as to how. Watch out for bullet-shaped objects. The capital of you is your heart - never forget that.

Taurus- The name "Julius" will have some significance today and may be the very thing you've been yearning for. The odds are that you'll see something today that you physically and desperately desire.

Gemini- Your favorite place may change today as you have new reason for utter joy. Feel free to go dancing until 3am with various drag queens at a local notorious disco. When

asked to perform in a successful jazz band, consider all your options before accepting.

Cancer- Prepare yourself because your life is set for the biggest change you've seen in a long time. Your love life is ready to flourish, and all because you bought that wonderful hat the other day. You did buy it didn't you? Oh, tell me you bought the hat! Timid creatures are often those to find first love. Be less brash, learn to control your flailing arms, and do try to fart less.

Leo- The colors you see around you are intended to give you an idea of three dimensional space. Close your eyes and you become a dangerous walking buffoon. Unwashed and lonely - don't let your future become this. Only you hold the key to getting yourself

out of your personal gutter. You will be plagued by happy people, but don't be swayed by them, stay miserable.

Virgo- This week will see a waning of your libido after your partner decides to shave their hair and start wearing dungarees and army boots to bed. Gold, Silver, and other various shiny things. They're all smashing but really expensive. You might want to lower your expectations if the stars are informing correctly. Indeed, you'll be lucky to get a plastic spoon as a gift than any of the above.

Libra- Complete the sentence: "My day will be really depressing today because my boss will find out that I surf the internet for _____ hours daily." Half of what you think you're good at is actually a complete fluke. This

week may see the end of your futile efforts to get good at something. You must also smell as sweet as you look.

Scorpio- Temptation is everywhere, especially if you're willing to look everywhere for it. However, you will discover that temptation itself is not as harmful as running the streets naked shouting "It's not my fault, I'm looking for temptation!"

Sagittarius- Beauty and misery is a package pair for you today. Hope for look in all your endeavors. Horoscopes have always had a tendency to be wrong for you, but todays will be a spot on as everything you have read will smack you right in the middle of the face today.

Capricorn- Screaming loudly only serves to wake the neighbors. They'll only investigate

once they're sure you're dead and the murderer has left the crime scene. "Saucy!" should not be used as a synonym for sweaty. Just use the correct words to represent their meaning.

Aquarius- Testing times lay ahead for you if you expect your love life to be without its ups and downs. You must expect failure or it will become your legacy. This miserable prophecy is brought to you in association with

Pisces- You are at a point in your life where you feel you are only there to serve. So get moving! Serve away! Your appetites may diminish today as you fall into a vat of white gravy with no inside ladder. No worries though, you're in the south and white gravy is basically a staple in a southerner's diet. Just shout out that you are a biscuit and you'll be safe.

Answers : Issue Twenty

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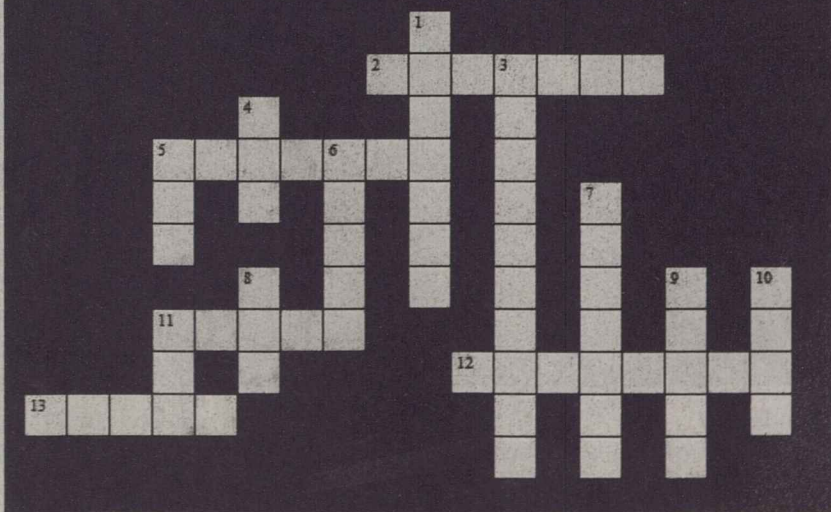
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Crossword HIP HOP



HIP-HOP

ACROSS

- 1 Hides eggs for you to find.
6 Who Framed _____ Rabbit?
8 Winnie the Pooh's responsible friend.
11 Looney Tunes.
13 Bambi's best friend.
14 Worked as a sheriff in a Western setting called Hoop 'n' Holler.
15 Jack rabbit with antelope horns.

DOWN

- 2 Superhero from Arthur.
3 Chocolate milk.
4 Bug's girlfriend.
5 Silly rabbit, _____ are for kids.
7 The 7 foot tall apocalyptic rabbit from Donnie Darko.
9 From the Uncle Remus stories.
10 Vampire rabbit in book by Deborah and James Howe.
12 Arthur's rabbit friend.